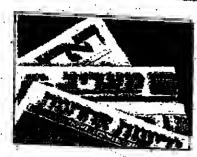
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Nov. CPI surprisingly down 0.3%

By DAVID HARRIS

Inflation this year is heading for eight percent, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, folkowing yesterday's publication of the November consumer price index, which registered a fall of 0.3%, to 153.6 points.

Within that figure, the housing index fell 1.5% and the cost of fruit and vegetables by 3.2%.

Job seeking up 1.2%, Page 13

Economists had predicted the CPI would rise by 0.3%-0.5%. "This is only one month and should not be taken in isolation." said bureau spokesman David Neumann.

October's CPI increased 1.2% and economists say the two must be seen together. The average for the last two months was close to 0.5%. Economist Haim Ben-Shahar predicted that 1998 inflation could well fall between 4%-5%, if the correct government policies are followed. This means keeping to tight fiscal policy and not allowing public sector wage agreements to deliver real increases.

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In memory of Nachshon Wachsman

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu shakes hands with Labor Party leader Ehud Barak during yesterday's dedication of the Nachshon Wachsman Center for Tolerance and Understanding in Jerusalem, as the center's head. Prof. Binyamin 1sh-Shalom, looks on. During the ceremony, the leaders signed a tolerance declaration entitled 'Peace in Israel.'

Clinton welcomes Khatami remarks

By HILLEL KUTTLER and JAY BUSHINSKY

WASHINGTON ~ US President Bill Clinton said yesterday he was "eocouraged" that Iranian President Mohammed Khatami said he would welcome a dialogue with the American people.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said it is too early to judge whether Teheran was actually changing.

"I was encouraged by Mr. Khatami's statement," Clinton told reporters, "It was welcome. And I will say again: I would like nothing better than to have a dialogue with Iran, as long as we can have an honest discussion of all the relevant issues.

"We remain concerned about the

violent attacks on the peace process, about development or acquisition of weapons of mass destruction, and we will continue to be concerned about those things. But I was quite encouraged by the president's statement, and I think the American people should be," Clinton added.

The US has long maintained it was amenable to resuming contacts with Teheran, provided the interlocutors were official representatives, and that any dialogue was publicly acknowledged.

Clinton's statements, coming just a day after Khatami's remarks. seemed meant to acknowledge it considers the approach as sincere.

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Senior gov't source: No pullback till June Change in Iran may

and LIAT COLLINS

A government decision on the scope of the IDF's next withdrawal will not be made until the end of next month at the earliest, and the actual pullback will not take place until June, a senior source predicted yesterday. Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu evidently will have this timetable in mind when he confers with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Paris on Thursday. He will convene the cabinet for another session on redeployment this afternoon, and expects the four-member ministerial team to discuss it again after his return from France and Luxembourg on Thursday. Next week, all of the government's ministers will tour the West Bank areas under discussion.

Netanyahu has asked Foreign Minister David Levy to accompany him to Paris and participate in the talks with Albright at the private residence of Ambassador Avi Pazner. But Levy will not make a decision until after today's cabinet meeting. Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh is to accompany Netanyahu.

Although Albright is schedule to meet Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in London, the idea of turning this into a three-sided session or holdıng an İsraeli-Palestinian summit there apparently has been dropped. The source said it is essential for the government to proceed cautiously and to weigh every move.

be over in a flash," he said.

He conceded that there still are differences between the maps drawn by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, but described them as "much less than meets the eye." Netanyahu intends to bring a set

es and not represent precise and binding geographical commitments, the source said. The refusal to specify an exact

perceotage was justified on the grounds that premature disclosure would prompt Palestinian demands for a more extensive withdrawal "and could set the of maps with him to London, but stage for a crisis."

Palestinians' initial expectations bave been substantially reduced.

"At the outset, they thought they would be given 92 percent of the West Bank," he said, "with at least 30 perceot to be ceded to them in each pullback."

One of the as-yet unresolved topographical problems is the

route to be followed by the new Mordechai: Withdrawal may harm some West Bank settlements

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and flim

"There is a possibility that the second redeployment will cause some damage to settlements in Judea and Samaria, but I understand that if there is any, it will be very small," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday during a visit to Ariel.

His words brought an angry reaction from the leaders of the Council of Jewish Settlemeots in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, with whom he met. "We're talking about an extremely difficult meeting, one

to which it is very hard to come up with an immediate response to, said council chairman Pinhas Wallerstein. "But it is certain that we will be meeting soon to discuss this seriously. "Mordechai did not speak of



Ariel Mayor Ron Nahman

evacuating settlements, that would violate the [Oslo] Accords, but he was speaking about some settlements. For example, I have doubts whether Ariel residents will be able

to drive directly to Jerusalem." As Mordechai arrived for the meeting, 10 demoostrators protested the proposed withdrawal. Mordechai approached the demonstrators, but quickly left

them in anger szying: "Don't attempt to lecture me." Ariel spokeswoman Sondra Oster Baras said that Mordechai had referred to the two maps, one based on security interests and the other on "national interests," such as roads and water resources. He said are being used as reference maps in

the current cabinet discussions. The settlers are facing a dilemma, said Ariel Mayor Ron Nahman, in that the government, which the settlers fought so hard to have elected, has not supplied them with facts regarding the

withdrawal. See MORDECHAL, Page 2 extension, known as Route 45. which begins at Ben-Shemen, passes through Nahal Modi'in, skirts Ramallah, and ends near Ramot. The mapmakers want it to be incorporated in one of the projected security zones.

Netanyahu's rationale for discussing these details with Albright is based on the belief that the US should be kept informed and given periodical updates on the cabinet's deliberations on the assumption that the US will convey this information to the Palestinians.

Netanyahu told the Likud Knesset faction that the government is drawing up a document with its demands for the Palestinians. He said the previous government decided the scope of the redeployment and only afterwards its security needs.

"We are doing it the other way round," he said.

Netanyahu said there are only small differences between the maps drawn up by Mordechai and Sharon, because under the terms of the Oslo Accords, not only Israel's security needs but its settlement needs must be met.

"It's important the public knows the direction in which we are going, he said. We are making our bonom line clear."

Likud MK Ze'ev Begin asked what is entailed in the five months in which the way the Palestinians abide by their commitments will be examined.

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occur, but slowly

Iranian President Mohammed Menashri said. Khatami's moderate tone may mark the beginning of an important current change is far from what change in Iran, according to Prof. would quickly generate a full-David Menashri, who holds the fledged US-Iran rapprochement. Nazarin Chair for

Modern Iranian Studies at Tel Aviv University. However, it is far

too early to judge if Khatami's state-

a definite change. One should not only follow Teheran's words, Menashri said, but also its nine. For his part, Menashri believes Teheran's change is substantive.

"Khatami has raised some ideas that were difficult for many Iranians to accept for a long time. such as the need for dialogue, and to discuss issues with other countries, including the US," he said.

An indication of pending change is Khatami's repetition of his remarks: twice at last week's Islamic summit and then in a press conference Sunday. It has been customary in Iran for officials who raised relatively moderate arguments to be forced to ultimately retreat from them in the

Menashri explained. The fact the Khatami held this press conference on Sunday and not only reiterated the same arguments, but took them one step further "is in itself a signal that something important is going on."

face of massive criticism,

Still, Menashri cautions that the Ayatollah

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Khamenei undoubtedly still BACKGROUND the supreme leader of Iran and he By DAYID RUDGE

views the situation differently, as menis represent a "slight breeze" or could be seen from his speech to the

Islamic Conference last week. Menashri said. Khatami has at least a theoretical mandate, after being elected in

May by 70 percent of the electorate. According to Menashri, that is still not enough to counter Khamenei. The election result did show that

19 years after the revolution, people's expectations that the Islamic regime would ease or solve their difficuloes have not been fully realized, Menashri said. There's a growing realization that Iran needs to focus on domestic issues and that to achieve improvements for the common people, compromise should be made with dogma. "The mood among the people in

Iran, as expressed by Khatami. indicates they want change, and Khatami has not hesitated to talk about important topics which until now had been regarded as taboo. Only time will tell, however, how successful he will be." Menashri

Indyk, Assad meet

Syrian VP receives MK Bashara

President Hafez Assad held five hours of talks with US Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk vesterday on how to revive the Syrian-Israeli peace taiks.

Presidential spokesman Joubran Kourieh said the talks covered the peace process and "the importance of abiding by the principles on which the process was based."

The talks covered bilateral ties and the appropriate atmosphere to



DAMASCUS (Reuters) - Syrian develop them," Kourieh said.

He said Foreign Minister Farouk
Shara and US Ambassador to Syria Christopher Ross were pre-

sent at the meeting.
Officials said Indyk, visiting Syria as part of a Middle East tour, had talks earlier with Shara on the latest developments in the peace process and "ways of reaching a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East."

Indyk refused to answer reporters' questions after his talks with Shara, but diplomats said he was carrying fresh ideas on resuming the Syrian-Israeli negotiations. Also in Syria was MK Azmi Bashara (Hadash), who said there could be no Palestinian state or right of return with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in power.

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Handling the under-sexed ostrich

By JUDY SECEL

Agriculture researchers at the Hebrew University are not the sort to stick their heads in the sand when

animals are having sexual problems. A group of experts recently got around a problem with ostriches who were showing more attraction to their burnan handlers than to birds of the opposite

They did this by creating a menage a trois arrangement in which the handler would remain on the scene without interfering with a sexual encounter between Far from being a matter of entertainment, boosting ostrich reproduction is an economic issue, given that

the country is second in the world, behind South Africa in ostrich-raising.

The unusual project, financed by the Rashi Foundation, involved Assaf Navot of the HU Faculty of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Quality Sciences in Rehovor, working under the supervision of Dr. Israel Rozenbolm, Dr. Gadi Gvaryahu, Nachem Snapir, all from Hebrew University, and Prof. Allan Degen, of Ben-Gurion University of the

Negev.

The researchers found that without intervention.

bred ostriches were showing the fertility rate of a high-powered yuppic couple in the suburbs.

The fertility of their eggs averages only 50 percent, which is at the low end of chick production compared to other cultivated fowl.

Since the ostrich is often pig-headed and sometimes

violent, attempts by farmers to increase the number of offspring have been very difficult. Navot has found that the reproduction of bred ostriches could be improved by introducing a male and a female who are attracted to their handlers, in

the presence of one of the handlers. This technique "enhances their sexual arousal," Navot said.

As the ostriches mate, the handler - using a special technique - collects semen from the male for later use in artificial insemination.

This has proven to be a more efficient and effecgive method than natural reproduction. The team has even succeeded to a certain extent in tempting male ostriches to ejaculate by showing them

female ostrich "sex dolls." But technical problems have made it hard to collect

They have stopped short of trying pomographic

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85 dead in UAE plane crash

A charter flight from Tajikistan crashed in the desert near an airport in the United Arab Emirates vesterday, killing 85 people. One person survived.

An explosion rocked the plane as it started to land, said Rustam Rustamov, the charter company's vice president said. But Emirates officials said they had no report of a blast. The Tu-154 was en route from Tajikistan to Sharjah, the staterun Emirates News Agency said.

Knesset panel hears briefing on Gil

The Knesser subcommittee on security affairs convened yesterday with the participation of Mossad head Danny Yatom. It reportedly heard a report from Yatom on the case of Yehuda Gil, the agent who provided false information relating to Syria. No details were available.

Gil's trial is to open tomorrow io Tel Aviv District Court, with court President Menahem Ilan and his two deputies, Judges Uri Goren and Haim Porat, forming the panel. Batsheva Tsur and Itim

Yishai orders training courses at Gibor Sabrina

Lahor Minister Eliahu Yishai has issued orders to prevent the closure of five Gibor-Sahrina textile plants, which are to be turned into training centers offering courses for 1,050 workers for the next two months.

The firm, with plants in Kfar Sava, Netanya, Ma'alot, Yirka, and Kisra, has been in receivership. The workers are to receive unemployment benefits while taking the courses. Yishai adopted the recommendations of Yossi Farhi, director of the ministry's professional training branch.

Nighttime air raid south of Beirut

IAF warplanes attacked a hase of Ahmed Jihril's PFLP-Geoeral Command south of Beirus last night. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The pilots reported accurate hits and that all planes returned safely to their bases, the IDF spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the debriefing of troops involved in a clash with Hizbullah gunmen in Jabal Rafiah north of the security zone last Friday has revealed that at least three gunmen were killed and several were wounded. Originally it was reported that one gunman was killed. There were no reported IDF casualties. David Rudge

Poll: Palestinian support for Hamas, peace up

A poll taken last month by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center shows an increase in support among Palestinians for Hamas in recent months, but also a sharp rise in those supporting the peace process.

The survey, of 1.180 Palestinians showed that 17.3% support Hamas, compared to 11.3% in a similar poll taken in July, with a similar survey carried out in July that registered 11.3%. The poll also showed, however, that 74.2% support the peace

process, compared with 58.7% in July. Mohammed Najib and Margot Dudkevitch

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The family

IDF levels terrorists' homes

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Backed by more than 20 cemens trucks and heavy tractors, the IDF clamped a curfew on the West Bank village of from Asira Shamaliya yesterday and demolished or sealed the homes of four suicide bombers who attacked Mahaneh Yehuda and Rehov Ben-Yehuda this summer.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat condemned the demolitions as a "new violation' of the peace agreement.

Before dawn IDF soldiers eotered the village north of Nahlus, in Area B, where the IDF is still in charge of security although the Palestinians control

Palestinian police were told to stay put in their headquarters, which they did. The approaching forces were met hy a lone firebomh, hut otherwise the actions went without mishap, said Brig.-Gen. Moshe Zigdmon, chief staff officer of Central Command.

Using jackhammers, large backhoes chiseled away at the homes of two bombers who hlew them-selves up on July 30 in Mahane Yehuda, killing 16 people.

The army decided against destroying the homes of two other suicide bombers from the Ben-Yehuda attack of September 4, since the buildings are attached to other homes. These homes were sealed instead. The Beo-Yehuda bomhings killed 5 people.

"It is pretty complicated since we don't want to harm the innocent. So it is a careful and surgical action. We are sealing the places we can't demolish so we don't cause additional damage," Zigdmon said.

One bomber had lived with his family on the first two floors of a three-story building. Dozens of



The IDF mobilized cranes in order to wreck the Asira Shamaliya home of a Palestinian suicide bomber who staged an attack in Jerusalem this summer.

barrels were rolled into the first and second floors and then filled with cement. The doors were welded shot. A second home was also sealed this way.

The cost of the entire action reportedly came to more than NIS 150,000.

The home of the third Ben-Yehuda bomber was not demolished since it is in Nablus, which is

The demolitions went ahead after the High Court rejected petitions by families of the salcide

bombers against the action. The curfew on Asira Shamaliya was lifted after the demolitions.

The assessment in the military is that this action as we carry it out is still a deterrent, otherwise we

under complete Palestinian control. Daniel Reisner, an assistant military advocate general for international law.

> Ali, the brother of saidle bomber Bashar Zawalha, contended that "the army put in all those barrels to our home in a way that

we must destroy it to rebuild it." Their aims are clear but we will return to our home one day," he

made to keep the IDF out of it.

Mohammed Najib adds: Hamas leader in Gaza Abdul Aziz Rantisi condemned the demolitions, saying. There is no doubt that Israel's aggressive poli-cy that started in 1948 continues

"Why didn't they demolish Yigal Amir's home?" Rantisi added, referring to Vitzhak Rabin's assassin.

Landau takes on Mordechai at committee session

By LIAT COLLINS

Amid a tense atmosphere in the Foreign Affairs Committee, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was strongly criticized by chairman Uzi Landau (Likud). He accused the government of not abiding by the principle of reciprocity and said the maps Mordechai had prepared did not meet the nation's security needs.

"When Israel speaks of reciprocity without being specific, it is in effect talking of carrying on process without demand ing the Palestinians fulfill their part. We are again, as in the case of the Hebron [agreement], speaking of ostensible reciprocity not real reciprocity."

In such a case, Landau said, he would not be able to vote in favor of the government's proposals. He also said military personnel should not be involved in the political argument or used to draw

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Many of the settlers, he said,

have lost their faith in the govern-

ment, fearing it will succumb to US

"The map Mordechai presented

relating to security interests is

only slightly different from the

Because it was prepared by the

"The IDF only related to security

one presented by the former gov-

IDF, he said, it is more likely to

receive widespread support.

ernment," he said.

Mordechai replied that "the IDF is beyond the political arguments.

For the last 18 months, I have made great efforts to keep the IDF out of political arguments." Mordechat earlier told the MKs

that the peace process is "at a crossroads" and that both sides should look forward, not back.

According to an official briefing, Mordechai also said the security establishment has information that terror groups intend to carry out further attacks in the near

future. Both Israel and Palestinian Authority are acting to try to prevent this, he said, Mordechai said two maps were presented the government leading up to the decision on the second further redeployment one of "security interests" and the other

of "national interests." "Both maps are drawn up according to the perspective of the IDF and defense establishment,"

issues - where it can mobilize

troops and set up tanks - and total-

ly ignored national issues such as

Meanwhile, former prime minis-

ter Yitzhak Shamir attended a meet-

ing with former chief rabbi

Avraham Shapira, religious settle-

ment leaders, and MKs from the

National Religious Party and the

Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher)

said that at least 12 settlements are

in danger of being cut off under the

proposals. Shapira warned the

forum that it should oppose any

concrete decisions regarding with-

water," he added.

Land of Israel Front.

be said. They should be seen together, he added.

Mordechai told the MKs that since the Hebron agreement, the peace process has been frozen. The problem is how to get it back on track," be said. "It must be done together. There is a need for reciprocity. We will have to make concessions for the process to be carried out, but concessions we can live with.

"I do expect the Palestinians to fulfill the agreement. We will give our detailed demands to them and also to the US. loday we are not looking back but looking forward. The aim is to free the process from the stalemate.'

The committee also discussed the cuts in the defense budget. Mordechai said be is concerned about the future threats presented by the cuts. He said the cuts stem from the fact that the Knesset's social caucus is stronger than its defense caucus.

drawal until the Palestinians imple-

ment their part of the agreements.

Hanan Porat and Nissan

Slomiansky (both NRP) argued

they should act in stages, which

would include no-confidence

motions on various issues when the

government brings the scope of the

withdrawal for a vote. If the gov-

emment acts to carry out the with-

drawal, the NRP would seek to

bring it down. Kleiner said that regardless of

what the NRP decides to do, he

would introduce a no-confidence

motion when the government

tions on specific security issues to help the political hierarchy make decisions which the army then has to implement. Has anything changed?

Mordechai, would do that.

Uzi Landau?

A: No. That's the way it is. The army accepts the verdict given by the political establishment. It should be noted that the army itself is not a single homogeneous unit... In many cases in which I have been involved, a number of generals would appear before the ministers and come up with different suggestions.

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To what extend should the IDF be involved in the decision-

First of all the army should not be involved in politics. Considering the fact that the subject under discussion today, over what parts and pieces should or should not be turned over to Mr.

Arafat, is in many ways a political issue, every effort should be

It's impossible, however, to keep the army out of it completely because there are important security considerations that must be

taken into account. Nevertheless, I think it would have been preferable if the army had been asked specific questions about

specific areas, rather than being asked to produce a map. If it was

Do you think it likely that Defense Minister Yitzhak

Mordechai would have put pressure on the defense establish-

ment to produce a map which fits his opinion, as alleged by

I have not been privy to the consultations. I certainly hope that

this is not the case and, in my opinion, I don't think it is ... It's hard

for me to believe that the present defense minister, Yitzhak

IDF commanders are asked for opinions and recommenda-

asked to produce a map, I think this was a mistake.

Is the government, as some critics suggest, acting hastily in trying to formulate and agree on the lines and scope of the proposed second-stage redeployment?

Firstly, I cannot urge strongly enough the necessity for not acting with haste. We are at a point... that is of crucial importance to Israel's security and future. Decisions will be taken that will be irreversible and the people involved in making these decisions have to think very carefully. Two significant mistakes have already been made in the haste to arrive at some kind of an

The turning over of Jericho and the surrounding area to the Palestinian Authority punched a big hole in what everybody considered was essential as a security border for Israel, namely the Jordan Valley. The second mistake was made in Hebron, a city of great historic and religious importance to the Jewish people.

Critics maintain that the government's apparent haste is more to please the Americans rather than due to a firm commitment to the peace process. Is this the case in your opinion? The present situation where it seems the government feels

obliged to show the American administration what it is they intend to propose and receive America's approval... is unprecedented in Israel's history. David Rudge

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The State Department yesterday denied an article in Ha'aretz claiming that secret US-Iranian contacts are under way.
"The report is false," the depart-

meni's deputy spokesman James Foley said, "And I don't have to elaborate on something that's not

"We both belong to the UN and would ordinarily find ourselves in the course of the work present in the same room," Foley said. "But this is a completely separate issue from the question. Foley said that recent statements

out of Teheran "indicate a desire to find common ground with the world community." But he called Khatami's rejection of the Middle East peace process and anti-Israel comments "troubling."

Foley added that the US, while welcoming the change in tone, continues to "look for changes in Iranian actions."

We believed all along that the estrangement between the Iranian and the American people was unnatural," Foley said. "And I think if you look at an historical perspective ... this is something that will end at some point. We ought to have a normal, civilized relationship with the people of Iran." Netanyahu reserved judgmeot

yesterday on the possibility that Iran may be liberalizing its attitude toward the US or Israel.

"Israel would welcome progress in this directioo," he said, "but it is 100 early to conclude that there has been a change in Teheran's poli-Netanyahu also alleged that Iran

was continuing a buildup of conventional and unconventional Apparently in the wake of

Khatami's speech, the Foreign Ministry has launched intensive deliberations about Iran's diplomatic objectives and whether a rapprochement with the US was feasible, a senior official said. Foreign Minister David Levy's

political adviser Freddy Eitan contended that a genuine shift in Iranian policy would have to include termination of Teheran's support for Hizbullah and Hamas. Eitan favored Clinton's realistic attitude toward Iran, but dismissed

the European Union's advocacy of

holding any "critical dialogue"

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted in the Arabic daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida as urging Iran "to play an active role in solving problems of concern to the entire Islamic world, among them the Palestinian issue."

decides to vote the withdrawal.

Channel 2 reported that Sephardi Chief Rahhi Eliaho Bakshi-Doron, sent Iran's religious leadership a message through Palestinian intermediaries, suggesting a meeting between clerics. Liat Collins adds:

Defeose Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday that he didn't think that Khatami's remarks showed any change, but that he would "praise any moderate declaration and any declaration which could renew the contact with the western world and

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He added that "serious international pressure" must be exerted on Israel to achieve a just and comprehensive peace.

Bashara met Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam, and said he planned to meet with Shara today. It was not clear whether he is carrying any message from

Bashara also met Palestinian leaders, including George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

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Netanyahu replied that Israel proposes that the countdown start immediately after the decision to carry out the further redeployment is reached. At the end of the fivemonth period, Israel will weigh up whether the Palestinians - m all areas of activity - had stood up to be able to reach conclusions."

David Harris adds: Netanyahu will agree to a with- are still not completed."

Judea and Samaria, in line with US demands, Labor Party chairman Enud Barak claimed yesterday. He told the party's Knesset faction the principal areas of withdrawal will be centered ou Jenin, Nablus,

drawal from a further 10.5% of

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Ramallah, and the Hebron Hills. The final status talks will not be completed on time, he added. Netanyahu took seven months over the test of the agreement and "it will Hebren-[the first redeployment],

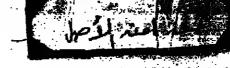
and has so far taken 18 months ou the Dahaniya airport talks, which

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Farrakhan cancels Temple Mount visit

The much-anticipated visit by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to the Temple Mount was abreptly canceled yesterday when he learned that Jewish groups planed to protest his pres-

ence at the site. "If anything should happen to me in this land it could not bring good results in black-lewish relations in the United States, so in the interest of peace I think it is best that I leave," he told reporters in Ramallah.

Unconfirmed reports said Farrakhan, who is known for his vitriolic antisemitic remarks, received death threats.

Two right-wing groups, Hai Vekayam and Victims of Arab Terror, pentioned the High Court

of Justice yesterday morning to keep Farrakhan out of Jerusalem. But one hour before the court was to begin its hearing, Farrakhan announced that he would not visit

the capital, and the court canceled the hearing. "I understand... that there are those who would honor their right to demonstrate and to obstruct my

going in to pray," Farrakhan said to reporters, before boarding a bus that took him to the Allenby Bridge to cross into Jordan. "We don't get a favorable sign from the government that I am welcome, and no one pledged security for us."

Hai Vekayam leader Yehuda Etzion, who denied threatening Farrakhan, said he expected the black leader to make another attempt to visit the capital next month, and that Hai Vekayam would go ahead with its High

Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said he had heard rumors that another militant group, the Ideological Froot, bad threatened Farrakhan to keep him from coming to Israel.

Beo-Ruby said that there had been no police cootact with Farrakhan, but that "we intended to guard him with a police force. This was our plan."

Another right-wing organization, Jerusalem Is Ours, requested a permit from police to demon-strate against Farrakhan near the Western Wall. "We didn't threaten, but we told

police that we would oot let him go up to the Temple Mount," said Danny Danon, head of the group. Everyooe says he shouldn't come, but nobody does anything

Round one, Farrakhan

"I can understand if there is Anti-Defamation League. "He anger in some of the Israeli citizens because of what they have heard and read about me." Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said yesterday.

"I can assure you that if I was antisemitic and hated the Jewish people, then this is the last place I would want to be."

the future."

Foxman

Farrakhan.

day's visit was not

a one-time trip.

but just a dry run

and

for a second attempt next month.

While negotiations between

Farrakhan's people and the gov-

erament had been ongoing over

how he would be greeted when he

arrived here, Farrakhan wanted to

know where he really stood. So he

just showed up. Round one,

'There's no doubt about it,

whatever our criticism of Louis

Farrakhan, we have to say that he

is an extremely clever person, and

oot an easy adversary, to say the

least," said Rabbi Marvin Heir,

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Avigdor Lieberman, the former

director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, announced yes-

terday he would contend for the

chairmanship of the World Likud

Convention and not that of the

Lieberman denied he was run-

ning for the post to take revenge

against WLC chairman Ronni

Milo, who is one of Prime Minister

BY LIAT COLLINS

The National Religious Party

Jewish Agency.

others

yester-

That would seem to make sense, on the face of it, but such is the guile of Farrakhan that he can fool you with his mere presence - or, as was the case yesterday, his mere absence.

Twenty-four hours after arriving in Palestinian-controlled Area A, Louis Farrakhan was gone, his visit to the Temple Mount canceled, his lightening visit over. The reason, Farrakhan said, was that he was concerned for his safety, that he was not given assurances about his protection.

"The reason he said that he left that Israel couldn't provide for his safety - is poppycock," said Abraham Foxman, director of the

dean of the Simon Wiesenthal said he was coming in January, "If I was antisemitic..." said and then he snuck in. The responsibility is his for not coming with

Farrakhan, as if his 25-year history of well-documented quotes can proper notice. He broke trust with lead to any other conclusion. the Israeli government, and it "What the Israelis don't know is doesn't owe him any courtesy in

who this man is, what he really represents," Foxman. "He's a racist, a bigot, and an anusemile, who has embraced in

the past several years all the dictators and rejectionist countries of the Third World. "He is sinister, cynical, and fuels

all the classical canards of antisemitism."

The danger said Heir, is the influence he wields on the black community, which cannot distinguish between his positive message of self-reliance and his

"They don't realize there were good things in a lot of demagogues in history, even Adolf

Lieberman to run for

World Likud head

Binyamin Netanyahu's most

He said he respects Milo, whom

prominent opponents in the Likud.

be regards as "one of the most

intelligent and sophisticated

politicians we have ... it's an honor

He said he is interested in the

post because "we have lost a great

deal due to the neglect of the

Likud's contacts in the world and

Asked about the list of delegates

especially in the United States."

NRP: We support Hammer

to run against him."

Hitler, who built the Volkswageo and the autobahn. But we're not going to ruo a conference on the good things of Adolf Hitler, because they were by far outweighed by the bad things; and we feel that Louis Farrakhan has been a demagogue, he's been irresponsible in addressing Jewish concerns, he's been a hater toward Jews, and we're not prepared to overlook that."

Foxman, who has been in the forefront in the fight against Farrakhan and been personally attacked by the black leader, said he isn't looking for him to change

"I don't need an apology from him, I need him to just stop, Foxman said. "Stop selling The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, stop peddling Martin Luther's antisemitic writings from 500 years ago. And stop pinning on Jews the mother of all evils - that we as Jews are responsible for all that is wrong in the black community, from theo until now.

to the WLC, which he allegedly

manipulated so that it gave him a

majority in the coming elections,

Lieberman said, "I do not attribute

any importance to one list or

another. It's a marginal issue. I

have ... a lot to offer, and I feel

Lieberman said he does oot

intend to run for the position of

Jewish Agency chairman, adding he considers Sallai Meridor the

prime minister's candidate.

sure of being elected by any list."

Making a point

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau gestures during his meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday. For peace to be realized, spiritual leaders must 'speak about peace and condemn terror and violence,' Lau told his host.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

A tale of two maps

At his meeting with US Secretary of State Madeleine Minister Prime Albright. Binyamin Netanyahu is to present his second redeployment plan, which is "currently covered with a thick layer of fog," Ma'ariv's Yosef Lapid writes. He adds that based on the maps Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon suggested, "no agree-ment"... would stand a chance."

In his article "Bibi's search for an alibi." Ha'aretz's Uzi Benziman claims that government discussions regarding "interest maps," allegedly focusing on the security needs as the basis for planning the redeployments, are no more than "an alibi to provide a reason for the government's refusal to touch settlements or redeploy." He adds that if the government does not relocate the settlements, it may be difficult for the IDF to protect them and it is likely that the final-status negotiations will fail.

· A turn to the West

Iranian President Mohammed Khatami's recent and unprecedented statement at a press conference, conveying his interest in opening a dialogue with the American people, was received both with optimism and suspicion by the media.

"Khatami would have bked to start a revolution in the ties between his country and the external world, but his hands are tied," Me'ariv's Oded Granot writes. referring to the influence of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenen, who holds the opposite

According to Yedior's Smadar Perry, Israel believes that Teheran's motive is to "remove obstacles to Iranian arms purchases, until it completes its conventional and unconventional armament."

Guy Bechor of Ha'aret, writes that according to the US and Israel, lran's moderation is the result of



ne on ma split between the Iranian people and the leadership. This pressure should continue, he adds, "if Iran is to open up to the world."

Sara uncensored

An abundance of commentary filled the Hebrew press following Yediot Aharonot's revealing weekend article concerning the prime minister's wife, Sara

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There is a reasonable fear that Israel's prime minister, the man who is considered - at least in his own eyes - to be a great expert in terrorism, is held hostage by his own wife," Ma'ariv's Amnoo Dankner writes.

He adds that although this is not of public interest it "is a personal tragedy that has the dangerous potential of becoming a national tragedy ... the danger lies in the

fact that it is unthinkable that an Israeli prime minister wo subjected to daily extortioo."

Amnon Shomron, also writing in Ma'ariv, claims that this is yet another attempt to get rid of Netanyahu.

"This time, Netanyahu has to face the mounting gossip and eliminate it or else ... it will haunt him and terminate him," he writes, adding that Netanyahu must sue

faction meeting yesterday dwelt on the reports that attempts are being made to oust Education Minister Zevulun Hammer as NRP leader while he is hospitalized. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy yesterday visited Hammer in hospital.

NRP whip Hanan Porat opened the meeting by expressing his

possibly behind the attempt to oust Hammer. Levy would replace Hammer as education minister and Knesset Law Committee Chairman Shaul Yahalom would replace Levy as transport minister, should Hammer resign.

MK Nissan Slomiansky he had no knowledge of such moves but he believed the press had not simply invented the story.

Several NRP members pointed a finger at Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi as the person

ter and Hammer is our party

"I am not holding any meetings or conventioos," said Bibi in response. "Hammer is our minisleader and we all pray for his recovery. Nobody is setting their sights on his job. We all have our own positions and are all happy in

The faction announced it stood behind Hammer and hoped for his speedy recovery.

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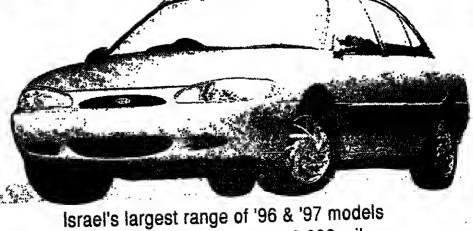
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Neeman reaches accord on budget with coalition MKs

Kahalani unveils plan to reduce car theft

unveil a new anti-car theft program yesterday.

By DAVID HARRIS

Chances of winning approval for the 1998 state budget in the key Knesset Finance committee increased considerably yesterday, wben Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman reached an understanding with coalition MKs.

However, Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen yesterday urged party colleagues to do their utmost to prevent passage of the budget on December 31. Labor has prepared more than 13,000 alternative proposals, which it will attempt to introduce when the budget debate begins in the plenum next week.

"Us organizing properly could well result in real changes in the budget," Cohen said at a faction

The principal objections are

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

A comprehensive plan to crack

down on car theft was presented

yesterday hy Internal Security

Minister Avigdor Kahalani and the

Kahalani revealed that so far this

year, there had been a 25 percent

rise in the number of car thefts,

totaling 43,371, causing NIS 1.5

hillion in damage to the economy.

reported.

they are stripped.

In 1996, 34,600 car thefts were

The operation started at the

beginning of the month. Since it

began, Kahalani stressed, there

has been an 11% decrease in the

number of thefts reported, com-

pared to the same period in 1996.

According to police estimates,

Roadhlocks have been set up in areas in Judea and Samaria that

connect with Area A, to prevent

cars from reaching the autonomous areas, Kahalani said.

There are also plans to drive onemeter-high stakes into the ground

along an 80-kilometer stretch of

the Green Line, which he said will

prevent thieves from entering the

territories by driving off-road.

60% of stolen cars are transferred to the autonomous areas, where

over allocations for child benefits, education, pensions, communications and defense. To ensure a united approach ahead of the third reading, Labor has set up eight teams of MKs, each responsible for a section of budget proposals.

"The budget arrangements bill, now called 'the increasing growth in the economy law' should be renamed 'the increasing inequality law," suggested Labor Chairman Ehud Barak. He said that equal medical treatment for the rich and poor would become a thing of the past "in a few years if this is mplemented.

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat accused the govemment of proposing a political budget with hundreds of millions of shekels destined for the territoObjecting to the government's tight fiscal rein, Shohat said that while Labor does not want to see a large government deficit, the figure could be stretched to 2.6 percent of the gross domestic product, rather than the proposed

Neeman met yesterday with coalition members of Finance Committee to try and persuade them to back the hudget, which includes a spending cut of NIS 2.3 hillion.

Neeman said he would welcome any alternative suggestions within the proposed sum as long as they would not restrict economic growth, according to his spokeswoman, Estie Applebaum.

Applebaum denied that Neeman made any concessions, but coalition MKs lead by Michael Kleiner

(Gesher), who chairs the coalition in the committee, said they made significant progress in realizing their budget demands. Kleiner said their only outstanding difference with the hudget proposal was a suggested NIS 500 million cut in

Without the removal of the child benefits hurdle there will be no majority, I'll keep on explaining the to the Treasury until they understand it," Kleiner said.

The basket of health services remains intact," said Kleiner, "The new law will say the basket can only be increased and it will be

illegal to reduce it."

He said this meant that medicines could not be omitted from the service hasket unless they were replaced by more advanced

No-confidence motions on health system fail

The unhealthy state of the health system was raised yesterday in two no-confidence motions heard in the Knesset plenum. The motions, presented by Labor together with Hadash and Meretz, failed in a vote of 40 to 44 with two abstentions (by the Moledet

The discussion was fairly calm and the plenum largely deserted, probably because it took place after the government had agreed to transfer NIS 150 million for the treatment of cancer and AIDS suf-

MK Haim Ramon (Labor), wbo was the driving force behind the

national health law, accused services," she said. Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman Health Minist of "showing he has not only no clue about the health system in Israel, but also no idea about the health services in any normal country.

Hadash MK Tamar Gozansky claimed that the government is deliberately refusing to update the health basket and employers' health tax and to cover the difference between the health funds' incomes and expenditures.

The result of the destructive reform the government is trying to bring about in the health establishment will be to raise the payments the rest of the public has to make while giving them inferior health

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza responded that he had not taken the health portfolio to harm the patients. He said Neeman is trying to amend the arrangements bill to preserve the equality of the health basket. He said the prices of some medicines will be significantly cheaper from next month because he had permitted the

import of the drugs.

Tsomet whip Eliezer Zandberg later said he had absented himself from the vote to protest Tsomet's treatment hy the Likud. He is complaining that the Likud will not let him raise his bill to draft yeshiva students and other bills which Tsomet supports.

Matza plans to revamp malpractice reviews

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza will completely revamp the existing system of investigating complaints against doctors alleged malpractice, which encourages personal and political pressures and takes years to resolve cases, he told The Jerusalem Post in an interview

After changes are made in the Physicians' Law during the next six months, the old system will be replaced by a special complaints committee of paid senior doctors and a lawyer who will conduct hearings and decide whether violators should be punished. Appeals would be handled by the courts.

Matza said the current system is fraught with problems. Senior physicians called in for expert testimony cause scheduling difficulties because they are so busy and

viduals involved may be dead or have forgotten details.

Instead, veteran doctors close to retirement would be hired, along with an experienced lawyer, to hear the cases and reach a verdict, Matza said.

Meanwhile, Matza yesterday received the recommendations of a committee appointed to investigate complaints filed more than five years ago against Dr. Yariv Melimovka. Matza decided immediately to suspend the doctor's license for six months, and is cousidering the option of cancelling it permanently.

The first case involved R.A., a

26-year-old man who in March 1985 went to Melimovka to have a growth removed from his back. The doctor did so, and threw it away, without sending it for a histo-pathology exam to see if it

poorly compensated, and by the was cancerous. Two years later time evidence is collected, indi- R.A. died of malignant melanoma.

In 1988, a patient named M.Z. went to Melimovka with a growth on his right arm. The doctor did not document details and discarded the tissue without having it examined. This patient died of

Melimovka treated two other patients who had vascular disease he gave them the drug EDTA. even though it had not been approved by the ministry. One of patients died and the second suffered paralysis.

In the final case, a woman came to Melimovka in 1992 with stomach pains and fever, he sent her for

Two days later, without examining her again, he gave her vitamin and cortisone, but soon after, she was diagnosed elsewhere with an infected appendix.

Lieberman lends support to Sara Netanyahu

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Avigdor Lieberman, former director-general of the prime minister's office, defended Sara

In an interview with Channel 1's Erev Hadash program, Lieberman called the expose on Mrs. Netanyahn in newspapers and television an "unprecedented invasion of privacy, which is unfair and unjust."

While he did not directly answer a question about whether Mrs. Netanyahu had been assigned an office with secretaries, as reports have alleged, Lieberman added:

"I know Sara and [Prime Minister] Binyamin Netanyahu for many years and there is no connection between what was presented and reality. She sat and worked in the prime minister's

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residence. There were occasions in which she received assistance from the prime minister's office and bureau, when she participated in events and represented the gov-

According to a public opinion poll conducted hy Shvakim-Panorama for Israel Radio, 92% of the public read or heard the stories about Mrs. Netanyahu,

In response to the question: "Do you personally believe or disbelieve what was written or reported about the behavior of Sara Netanyahu?," 36.6% said they believed most or everything, while 35.6% said they believed only some reports, and 27.8% said that

they did not believe any. Asked about the effect of Mrs. Netanyahu's reported conduct on her hosband's functioning as prime minister, 60.1% replied that her behavior had a bad influence, 0.9% thought it had a positive effect on his conduct and 39% believed that it had no influence over the prime minister.

Batsheva Tsur adds: MK Yossi Katz (Labor), Chairman of the Knesset's State Control Committee asked Attorney-General Elyakim Ruhinstein yesterday to formulate guidelines for public duties that a bill and would in effect abolish prime minister's spouse should the National Health Insurance

Clalit: Raise cigarette tax, not health fees

By JUDY SIEGEL

Kupat Hollm Clalit has proposed an alternate plan to the Treasury's for reducing the deficit in the health system: instead of the health funds charging the average family NIS 1,000 a year in extra fees, the shortfall could be cut with a hike in the tobacco tax, reform in the pharmaceutical market and efficiency measures in the

health funds and hospitals. Clalit director-general Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg, who presented his plan at a press conference yesterday, stressed that his ideas were a "comprehensive, applicable program aimed at truly dealing with the factors that caused the serious financial crisis of the health sys-

tem." It is based on recovery efforts by the insurers, hospitals and the government without forcing residents to finance the deficit hy charging them extra health fees, Peterburg

Peterburg called on the health and finance ministers to withdraw immediately the proposals that make up part of the arrangements Law.

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Since the beginning of the according to the head of the operation, Cmdr. Yehada Behar. Police companies, said Kahalani. He estisecond year, and NIS 73m. for the Netanyahu's role yesterday hy month, 15,000 soldiers from saying that she worked mainly crack units have been recruited to will demand an addition of 250 mated costs as NIS 94 million for third year. work alongside policemen, from her home and not from the hureau as reports have charged.

Police Insp.-Gen Assaf Hefetz (left), Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, Internal Security Ministry Director-General Emil Palant, and incoming inspector-general Yehuda Wilk,

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Teachers start sanctions today

outside the schools," union secre-

tary-general Avraham Ben-

"If the ministries would apply

the same energy they are showing

Shabbat said.

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

No trips or cultural events will be held outside the nation's schools beginning today, as the Histadrut Teachers Union launches sanctions, in support of the Secondary School Teachers Association's negotiations regarding principals' salaries and payment for school trips.

However, army preparatory courses for 12th-graders will continue to meet.

Teachers will also stop holding

meetings that take place after school bours, and report cards will not be prepared or distributed. All activities related to the long school day will also be halted, until

an agreement is signed between the union and the Education Ministry regarding arrangements for its implementation. The Education and Finance ministries are adopting a policy of intentional delay regarding the

signing of salary agreements with the principals and remuneration

in delaying the negotiations towards finding a solution, the union would not have had to launch sanctions. If the Education and Finance ministries don't

change their approach, we will step up the sanctions and strike the education system." Meanwhile. the Secondary

teachers' meetings and parent for teaching staff for hours worked School Teachers Association is threatening to renew its sanctions and again not accompany school trips or after-school cultural programs, beginning tomorrow. The association had given the Finance Ministry a few days to come up with a new proposal for paying teachers for time spent accompanying trips after school hours, but when this was not forthcoming

next week.

announced plans to renew the sanctions, which have virtually done away with school trips this year. Education Ministry DirectorGeneral Benzion Dell said the ministry supports the teachers' demand to negotiate wages, but that until negotiations with the Finance Ministry are exhausted, the sanctions should not be renewed particularly when so many activities are planned for

He added that only the Finance Ministry could decide wage matters, and said he had asked Finance Ministry officials to intensify the negotiations with the

MKs: Cancel iubilee events

Members of the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday called for the cancellation of the inbilee celebrations and the use of the millions of shekels "for better

"Let's call off the celebrations; the nation is not happy," said David Tal (Shas). "We can take the NIS 118 million allocated for the events and use it to buy medications for the needy."
"We have seen nothing but disor-

ideas. Whatever this government touches goes wrong," said Ra'anan Cohen (Labor). "We'll end up with a commission of inquiry into the failure of the celebrations."

"This is a punishment to the nation," concurred Ran Cohen (Meretz). "In 13 months, the events committee has not succeeded in getting its show on the road. The jubilee is supposed to be the high point and to show 50 years of achievements. The worst of it is that they want to make it a celebration for prisoners and to set them free and punish their victims and other innocent citizens. This should be a time when we nurture positive values.

ed the committee would not organize events on its own but would fund and supervise them.

the going is good, but it is too late to cancel," he said. "The government has already approved NIS 108m. for the budget, but it will percent." There will be two main events, an exhibition and an air display, "and I promise you, people will be happy," Moda'i said.

"No other country has ever missed celebrating a jubilee and we shall do our best to make this a true celebration," Moda'i added. Committee chairman Yossi Katz

said the MKs would continue to follow developments closely and that he would request an review of all decisions by Ben-Porat.

By BATSHEVA TSUR

der, lack of efficiency, and strange

"You can't force people to smile when they are unhappy. Let's have something modest," suggested Nissim Zvilli (Labor).

The meeting was called, in the presence of State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat and events committee chairman Yitzhak Moda'i, to review preparations for the jubilee which have reportedly met with numerous serbucks: It was the second such meeting.

Moda'i explained that he had it taken up his position only last month. He said that he had decid-

"You advised me to escape while

He said all the usual events that take place on Independence Day, such as the torch-lighting ceremony at Mt. Herzl, would go ahead but have a special flavor. For example, he had suggested that 50 shofar-blowers sound their horns at the ceremony.



ticket only. MKs: Fund for after-school programs won't close

also perished.

Emissaries to hold reunion

the development of the state.

Award to the participants.

The Knesset Education Committee yesterday protested reported Education Ministry plans to cut the budget of the Karev Pund, which provides after-school programs in outlying settlements and development towns. The fund, which bas existed for seven years and was initiated by Charles Bronfman, gets NIS 84 million from the ministry, NIS 75m. from the local authorities and parents, and another NIS 6m. in administrative costs from the Bronfman family. The ministry reportedly plans to cut its part from NIS 84m. to NIS 40m.

in brief

TV Hanukka special featuring the late Elimelech

ETV has announced an agreement with family of the late Anat

Sounds" junior song competition finals. The contest was recorded

about a month ago at the Noga Theater in Jaffa. Twelve finalists on

the program were chosen from among 500 entries, and the winning

song, "Like an Animated Film," was composed and performed by

Shai (17) and Liron (15) Lev, brothers from Petah Tikva. The show

murder-suicide on December 2 in which hairdresser David Afuta

Thousands of Israeli government emissaries who served in the Diaspora over the years will gather together tonight for an unusual remion at the International Conference Center. The emissaries will

include those involved in bringing Jews to Israel from communities in distress, in ongoing educational programs for Diaspora Jewry, and those who led Zionist youth movements and helped raise funds for

The program will include a tribute to those emissaries who died while fulfilling their tasks, and the awarding of the Emissary's

Mediterranean landscaping symposium in capital

A five-day international symposium on Mediterranean landscape

design is taking place at the Jerusalem Theater this week. Among the notable participants are Prof. James Ackerman of Harvard; Prof.

Kounellis of Dusseldorf; Michel de Vigne, Paris; Liane Lefaivre, Delft; Alexandre Chemetoff, Paris; Enric Miralles, Barcelona; Luca

MIT; and Prof. Alexander Tzonis, Delft. Israeli participants include Shlomo Aaronson, Dani Karavan, Michael Levin, Gabriel Kertesz, Arie Rahamimoff, Lipa Yahalom and Yigal Zalmona.

Admission to events, being held at the Van Leer Institute, is by

Molinari, Delft and Milan; Prof Attilio Petruccioli, Harvard and

Denis Bilodean of Montreal U.; Prof. Santiago Calatrava of

Barcelona; Prof. Giancarlo de Carlo of Milan; Prof. Jannis

Aryeh Dean Cohen

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will be on at 1 p.m. on December 25. Elimelech died in an apparent

Elimelech to permit the showing on ETV2 of the "Voices and

Arych Dean Cohen

German, Israeli scientists discuss gene therapy Forty-five leading German and Israeli physicians and scientists in gene therapy have cloistered themselves at a Dead Sea Hotel this week to discuss the latest developments in the field and discuss ways to cooperate on research projects. The conference was organized by the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF) founded 10 years ago. Dr. Amnon Barak, director of GIF, said he bopes the next round of requests for foundation grants will include many proposals in gene therapy research. GIF allocates some DM 20 anilion (NIS 45 million) to German and Israeli research proper each year. https://www.buch.com/

Pupils to be encouraged to complete matric

In a new Education Ministry campaign, local authority heads, their education department chiefs and school principals are to actively encourage pupils who may be an exam or two shy of a full matricula-

tion certificate to complete the necessary exams.

Only the full matriculation certificate allows for acceptance to an institution of higher education. The campaign aims to help 15,000 pupils complete whatever exams they still lack to obtain the certifi-

Edelstein, Russian officials sign agreement

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein yesterday signed an agreement on the exchange of immigration information and the development of joint programs with Russian Immigration Minister Tatiana

Thousands of immigrants from the former Soviet republics arrive in Russia every month, and the Russian authorities want to use Israeli expertise to deal with the problem, mainly regarding housing, employment, and job retraining.
The agreement is also expected to improve computer communica-

tions regarding immigration, cutting down on the number of forg-eries and other scams.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

Diaspora journalists convention to focus on 50th anniversary

Han Abu receives his good deed prize from President Ezer and Reuma Weizman yesterday.

Armored Corps, was killed on ent. active duty in Lebanon.

Shimoni did not give up the

In addition to tending Eyal's

grave, she continues to go daily

to care for the blossoms at

Mahanayim, "I mourn Eyal at

his grave and the girls at the

awarded the Prize for a Good

The brainchild of Reuma Weizman, the NIS 5,000 prize

was awarded for the first time to

a dozen recipients - individuals

and groups. Some announced on

the spot they were contributing it

another good deed," Reuma

Weizman told the gathering.

The money came from bequests

from good Jews the world over

who wished to do something for

the citizens of Israel." She said

that the prize was intended for a

one-time voluntary act involving

Ilan Abu, a senior at a Sderot

personal sacrifice.

"The prizes were born out of

to a further worthy cause.

Yesterday President Ezer

island," she said yesterday.

Deed to Shimoni.

Weizman awards good deed prizes

Her son Eyal, an officer in the high school, was another recipi-

Ilan was sitting in class when

he smelled smoke. Next to the

school, he noticed two workers

trapped in a burning het, apparently set alight by a cigarette.

The workers were having diffi-

culty breathing. Without hesitation, Ilan broke

in fresh air. Although he was

fire engine and rushed in to help

Another recipient was fireman

Moshe Ganon, who volunteered

to go, without oxygen, down a 10-meter deep shaft where a tod-

Ganon was lowered, head first,

into the cavity and spent 20 min-

utes rescuing the two-year-old,

who came up almost unscathed.

Other winners were municipal

workers from the Druse village

of Horfish, who worked round

the clock to build a wall to pre-

vent rocks from falling onto a

highway; Charlie Abutbul, a

els and savings to a newly-wed

couple who had lost them; the

father of nine who returned jew-

dler had fallen.

By ARYEN DEAN COHEN

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Orna Shimoni, of Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov-Meuhad, was

one of the first people to arrive

on the scene when a Jordanian

soldier opened fire at a group of

Beit Shemesh schoolgirls visiting

nearby Mahanayim on March 13

Shimoni, a nurse, tended the

The event left an indelible

mark on her and she decided to

commemorate the girls' memory

by building a garden of flowers

at the "Peace Island" site. She

collected seeds and bulbs and

planted the names of the victims

Shimoni, a widow and mother of

four, would go to tend the flow-

ers. "I felt it was a 'mitzva," she

said yesterday. A special bond

developed between the kib-

butznik and the families from

But in September, six months

after the traumatic event,

Shimoni was to experience a

horrifying tragedy of her own:

Every day after work,

in flowers.

Beit Shemesh.

wounded and helped with the

and killed seven of them.

Jewish journalists from Azerbaijan to Argentina are to gather in Jerusalem today for the Seventh International Conference of the Jewish Media, which will focus on Israel's 50th anniver-

Some 130 journalists are participating in the week-long conference, sponsored by the World Zionist Organization. It includes meetings with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Foreign Minister David Levy, and Palestinian Authority executive member Faisal

Today the journalists are to visit

Har Homa and the Western Wall Tunnel. Panel discussions planned for tomorrow will cover such issues as "Jewishness and Israeliness," and "Preserving Jewish Continuity."

Another discussion entitled, "Respect for Dialogue - How Can We Live Together?" will be addressed by Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, and focus on the dispute over the proposed conversion bill. A speech by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is planned for tomor-

Thursday's itinerary includes a discussion called "New Realities

in Jewish Communications," with

a panel featuring Jerusalem Post

publisher Norman Spector. The

panel will focus on the latest technology being introduced to the Jewish media worldwide. Husseini, Likud MK Uzi

Landau and former prime minister Shimon Peres will appear in another panel discussion on Thursday called "What Prospects for the Peace Process?"

Netanyahu is scheduled to address the conference on Friday morning, prior to a panel session on "Democracy and the Media" featuring Jerusalem Post editor Jeff Barak and other journalists from Israel and abroad.

Sunday the conference moves to the Dead Sea region, where the participants will tour the area and visit with the Ethiopian community in Beersheba.

Suissa gives in on tourist cash deposits

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Tourists suspected of intending to overstay their visas will no longer have to deposit NIS 5,000 on their arrival, according to a decision Interior Minister Eliahu Suissa made yesterday.

Snissa acted after an appeal by Knesset Interior Committee chairman Sallah Tarif, Yisrael Ba'aliya MKs and others against the regula-permanent.

tions requiring the deposit.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said that there had been other complaints recently, including from the

Tourism Ministry, that the regulation was hurting tourism. The new regulation will go into effect for a six-month trial period beginning January 1. If tourists are not overstaying their visas, Suissa

will consider making the move

Reacting to the decision, Yisrael Ba'aliya faction chairman MK Roman Bronfman said: "We are happy about the decision, after the intense efforts we made [in our contacts with] the Interior Ministry." Bronfman said the situation had

discriminated against immigrants from the former Soviet Union who wanted their relatives and friends to visit them and also hurt tourism from the former Soviet Union.

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"cycle group" of Kibbutz Ma'abarot, which built 32 bikes.

for immigrant children living at a

caravan site; firemen Kobi Erez

and Ya'acov Nehama, who, on a

busmen's boliday, rescued a mother and two children from a

burning apartment in Ma'alch

Others were a volunteer group

more than 2,000 people evacuat-

Operation Grapes of Wrath; a

class from a Kfar Sava high

school that adopted a family

whose son had been physically

abused by schoolmates; Yossi Duck, of Kiryat Bialik, who

adopted a homeless Russian

immigrant conple; Yifrach Shimon, a worker for the

Ashkelon Municipality, who

cared for a woman suffering

from mental illness whose home

was broken into; and Baruch

Mashkovsky, who organizes an annual seder for 100 needy

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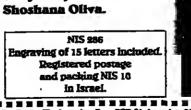
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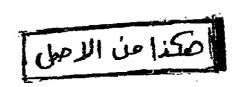
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Ring of confidence

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

Inless you are doing husiness in Asia, you may yet be unaware that an economic disaster is in progress there. It's time to sit up and pay attention.

During the great Wall Street stock market boom of the past few years, the gurus tried to predict where the next inevitable "correction" would come from.

Poring over their charts from

1988, they were convinced research and analysis had become so sophisticated, a soft landing would be easy to plan. When the crunch came bounding out of Hong Kong at the

end of October - no one had anocipated or predicted it. Collapsing currencies in Thailand, Malaysia or South Korea were then

shrugged off in the

West as a passing irritant – the Tigers caught a chill, that's all.

The irritation was compounded by a very irritating Mahathir Mohammed, prime minister of Malaysia, who blamed all his country's growing woes on American and European speculators. Nobody could recall him blaming them for Malaysia's previous economic boom – that

was all his doing.
Yesterday the Indonesian rupia was the latest to hit a record low against the dollar, dropping to 40 percent of its value a year ago. The reported illness of the old dictator Suharto is fueling growing fears of social chaos if the country's Suharto family band should suddenly stop playing.

Abuse excuse

The worst crisis so far has hit South Korea, the most worrying one is developing in Japan. The International Monetary Fund has allocated an astounding 100 billion dollar prop to help shore up the swaying economic skyscrapers of Asia.

The reaction of the afflicted nations has been interesting. In one way it is a very human reaction, like helping someone oewly injured. Instead of being grateful, the vicom may yell abuse and demand more help. Fear is the clue to the response.

So, the very same Mahathir who a month ago was screaming at Westerners to stop interfering in his country's economy was screaming yesterday at an ASEAN meeting that the West isn't doing enough. More aid is needed than the IMF has provided so far, he told the Association of South East Asian Nations.

In South Korea there have been protests in the streets at the strictures imposed by the IMF as part of its aid package. The complaints have been echoed by Korean officials.

Korean officials.

It is tempting to say "you folks have made a mess of your economies, you took all the credit when they were tigers, now it's everyone else's fault when they fail, and when the West comes up with rapid help, you whine about it. Suggestions please?"

Cold feet

Yet Asian frustration over the accelerating crisis is all very understandable, even if Mahathir's paranoid unpleasantness is not.

However, demands for more aid is all very well as long as the West remains standing on its economic feet. Can it do so? The orthodox view is that the United States and Europe are not

only doing very well, but are getting stronger. The catch is, faith in economic orthodoxy is not what it used to be.

what it used to be. The only orthodox eternal truth that seems to remain unchallenged is the concept of confidence. A crisis that is at least semi-global is in progress, so hands up all those who still bave full confidence in the global village econo-

my.

Confidence is not a measurable parameter. Try constructing an economic model that factors in the cold feet of a banker facing an Asian borrower. Try calculating how many millions of investor feet are already feeling chilly

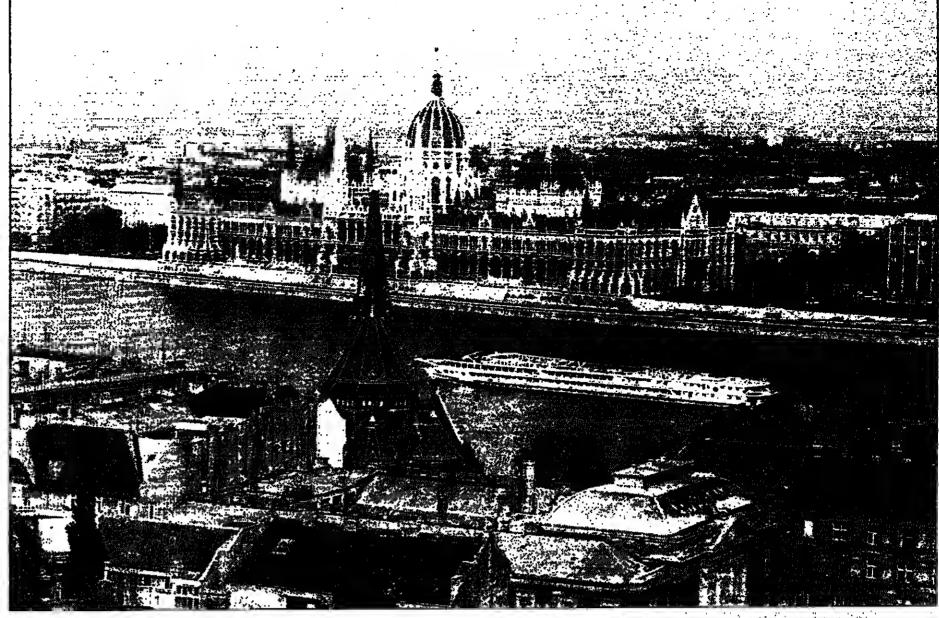
This is unknown territory but if, for example, you are an Israeli microchip maker trading on the New York exchange, don't expect the investors to continue being overawed that you are hig in Japan or South Korea. Three months ago the quarterly reports of such companies would boast of their successes in Thailand, Korea, or the Philippines. You will probably need a magnifier to find details of their Asian exposure in the end-of-year reports.

No problema
Want to continue selling jewelry to the fashionable ladies of
Thailand or Japan? Or construc-

Thailand or Japan? Or construccion materials to their husbands? It's better to start looking towards the fashion-conscious and the new huilders in Europe or North America for the present.

No one can say if the undertow from Asia will start to drag down Western growth. The Organization for Economic Cooperadon and Development (OECD) yesterday issued a fairly upbeat report, whose only fault may be that it remains stuck in conservative orthodoxy. Not to worry, said the OECD. Global output might fall by one percent because of the Asian implosion, but even in Asia the economic fundamentals remain sound and IMF measures will promote a recovery.

The European Union is robust and growing stronger, the United States is solid as a rock. Wonderful! So why should Americans worry about a flood of cheap Asian imports, or about more American johs being exported to even cheaper places? Why should Europeans worry about the intractable 10-12 percent unemployment across the 15 EU states? It's all a matter of confidence. Feel confidence.



Budapest. Hungarians played leading roles in creating the A-bomb, the ballpoint pen, the computer and what not.

David Rubinger

Great Hungarian car, that Model T

Though better known for its cuisine, the small country on the Danube has produced some of history's most notable inventions

By MICHAEL RODDY

BUDAPEST - Hungary is famous for giving the world goulash and paprika, but how about the hallpoint pen, the television camera, the atomic bomb and the Ford Model T?

The snap response might be they're all American inventions, with the possible exception of the hallpoint, but better think

Hungarians did play a major role in making the bomb — and television, the computer, the hall-point pen, the world's first mass production car and a host of other inventions that changed the face of the 20th century.

They even claim credit for the word which, with variations, means passenger transportation in much of the world: the coach. "Some people say 'coach' is an English word but there is a

English word but there is a Hungarian village called Kocsk (pronounced: coach-k) and the light coach for horses was a Hungarian invention," said Andras Vedres, secretary general of the Association of Hungarian Inventors.

For a country of only 10 million people, the list is impressive. And it goes on. ("Absolute geometry, torsion balance, the carburetor...") Jozsef Hegyhati, under secretary of state in the Ministry of Industry and Trade, says "there is a great tradition of invention in Hungary." He rattles off a stream of inventions which schoolcbildren here learn are Hungarian, or were made hy Hungarians abroad.

Hegybati was presenting awards at a ceremony honoring a new crop of Hungarian inventors who hope there might be a market out there for a chainless bicycle, a foot-massaging shoe and, inevitably, paprika oil. They may not be as important as the electrical transformer or the power plant cooling tower — also Hungarian — but the tradition

"Hungary is very poor in mineral wealth and energy but what we have is well qualified and talented people," Hegyhati said. "That is why more and more

lives on.

"That is why more and more corporations are deciding to establish their research and development facilities here, because in Hungary there is a great capacity to do research."

That's true today, and was true at the turn of the century when the capital Budapest was one of the fastest growing cities in Europe, alive with scientists, artists and would-be moguls.

But in between came two world wars and communism. Therein lies the reason many "Hungarian" inventions carry labels "made in USA", and why descendants of those inventors who left Hungary, or sold their patent rights, sometimes fight lonely battles to see credit given where they believe credit is due.

Case in point — the television camera.

This has been kept secret from the general public, that the true inventor of this quite revolutionary invention, is my father," said Katalin Tihanyi Glass, daughter of the late Hungarian inventor Kalman Tihany.

"He sacrificed his life as people do who are serious about invention. But the credit has been taken away from him because he died before he was ahle to reclaim it,"she said.

Glass, who lives in Los Angeles hut spends much of her time in Hungary, has mounted a personal crusade to convince the world that her father, a prolific Hungarian inventor who died in 1947 at age 49, invented an electronic storage system that made television possible.

Without the storage system, only a wan image could be transmitted to a phosphorescent

screen. With it, you could watch "I Love Lucy".

Credit for the invention generally goes to the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) and the chief of its laboratories in the 1930s, the Russian-American Vladimir Zworikin.

But Glass said her father patented the storage device, which Zworikin later manufac-

tured in the mid-1930s, in 1928.

Tinany sold parent rights, but that was all, she said.

"My father did not agree for

"My father did not agree for this invention to be called somebody else's," Glass said.

She wants the world to acknowledge her father's contribution. A "payment of goodwill" from the electronics industry would be welcome, hut she seems equally keen on convincing the Smithsonian Institution in Washington to change its "Information Age" exhibition to acknowledge Thany.

"We've met her several times.
And she is an absolutely magnificent researcher who's come np with some good points," said Elliot Sivowitch of the Smithsonian's department of information technology, electricity and modern physics.

"But I think she's a little miffed at us because everything works

very slowly in a hureaucracy and exhibit labels are hard to correct," Sivowitch said in a telephone interview.

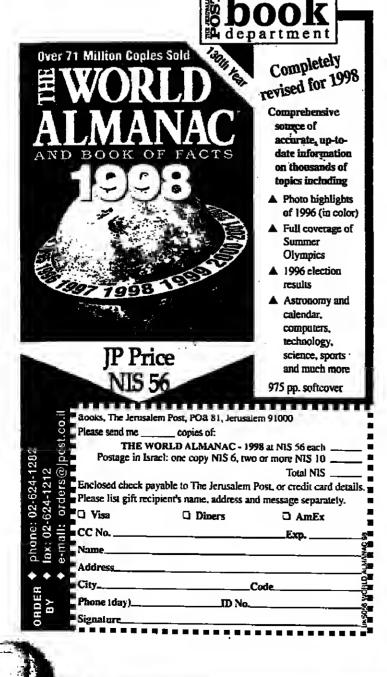
Sivowitch said the museum has been working on a new exhibition on high-definition television and might produce a brochure on the history of television, mentioning Thany.

"There are several countries, when you describe their output (of inventions) they have had some particular talent stream." Sivowitch said. "For a small country, the contribution of Hungarians is ontstanding."

"Outstanding" is exactly the

word the Hangarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs uses in its fact sheet "The Contributions of Hungarians to Universal Culture" ("...radioactive tracing, the nuclear power plant, thermonnelear fusion...") It lists Jozsef Galamb (1881-1955) as "designer of the famous Model T, the first mass-produced car", and Ladislao Jose Biro (1899-1985) as "inventor of the hall-point pen". Janos Nenmann is "the father of computers" hy dint of his work in informatics.

And the atomic bomb? Edward Teller and Leo Szilard, both of whom worked on the Manhattan Project. Ask any Hungarian.





Phone (Day)

Lebanese lawyers in anti-Syrian strike

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Some 5,500 Lebanese lawyers will stage a three-day strike from today after the detention of 63 supporters of anti-Syrian Christian leader Michel Aoun, Beirut's lawyers'

union said yesterday.

Riot police on Sunday used tear
gas and clubs to disperse an estimated 200 university students, engineers and lawyers who gathered at a television station which the authorities had harred from broadcasting an interview with Aoun, a former army commander. Witnesses said several people were wounded.

While accusing the government of breaching the constitution, the lawyers asked it to punish "executive and judicial officials" responsible for Sunday's "illegal" arrests.

"The union's council has decided unanimously to ask all lawyers to halt legal or administrative activities for three days starting Tuesday, December 16, in denunciation of violations of public and private freedoms protected by the constitution," said a union statement, read by its chief Antoine Kleimous.

A source at General Prosecutor Adnan Addoum's office said 63 people were detained during Sunday's protests and that their files were being reviewed to determine whether they will be sent to civilian or military courts, or set free.

Hours after the lawyer's union announced its plans to strike, some 300 students protested at St. Joseph University, shouting slogans in support of Aoun and condemning the Syrian presence in Lebanon, witnesses said.

"Syria get out. Freedom. We want Lehanon's independence." they screamed, hurling eggs at policemen who stood nearby.

EU seeking to soothe Turkey

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Union yesterday tried to soothe Turkey's anger after relegating it to the bottom of a long list of aspiring members.

A weekend EU summit decided to open membership talks with Cyprus and 10 ex-communist countries in Europe - but not Turkey, which first applied to join the bloc in 1963.

The consolation prize - an invi-tation to a European Conference of current and aspiring EU members next year - was promptly rejected by Ankara.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel urged Turkey to reconsider that decision, saying be sympa-thizes with its frustration.

"I hope that once the initial gun smoke of disappointment has gone, Turkey will view the matter calmly," he said. "We are not going to close the door on Turkey. Turkey belongs within Europe, we want it to be there with us."

But Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Necati Utkan said Ankara's rejection of the conference invitation heralded a stagnant period of relations with the EU.

"Unless [the EU's] approach and mentality are changed, one cannot expect our relations to be developed within constructive dialogue," be told reporters.

The EU summit leaders called on Turkey to improve its human rights record, protect the rights of its Kurdish minority, and move to solve long-standing territorial disputes with Greece, including the future of Cyprus.

In response, Prime Minister Mesut Yılmaz said on Sunday that Turkey would not hold talks with the EU on Cyprus, Greece, or other key issues, although hilateral relations with member states

The Turkish press hailed the rejection of the conference invitation as a historic freezing of ties

"Relations with Europe were frozen: Turkey will not talk with the European Union on Cyprus, the Aegean, and human rights, said the Sabah newspaper.

But Utkan said the rejection of the invitation did not mean the end of Turkey's long-held dream of

EU membership.

"Turkey will maintain its will to integrate with the EU despite the position laid out in the Luxembourg summit," he said. The summit outcome was a

source of deep disappointment to Yilmaz and his secularist political allies, who see EU membership as a guarantee of Turkey's Western vocation and a hlow to their domestic Islamist critics. EU leaders had hoped to soften

the hlow by inviting Ankara to the European Conference in London in mid-March, where current and prospective members of the bloc will discuss foreign and security policy, drug-trafficking, and other

Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker said be regrets Turkey's "negative reaction." Britain, which takes over the rotating EU presidency on January I, said it would "look very carefully" at Turkey's

A European Commission spokesman said the wholc conference would be devalued if Turkey stayed away. "If Turkey does not participate, that would clearly take away the value of that conference," be told a news briefing.

The row could have implications for future EU membership talks with Cyprus, where UN troops patrol a dividing line between rival Greeks and Turks.

Greece and Turkey are also allies within NATO, which holds its own enlargement summit in Brussels on today and tomorrow. Senior NATO officials said it is premature to say what wider impact, if any, the row with the Turkey has in the past threatened



Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, (left) and visiting Russian counterpart, Viktor Chernomyrdin, review a Turkish honor guard in Ankara yesterday, after Chernomyrdin arrives for a two-day visit aimed at boosting economic ties.

clear that NATO prefers Turkey to

be "closer to Europe." "A healthy relationship between Europe and Turkey helps NATO," one senior official at Alliance headquarters said. Turkey has to be given a perspective in Europe."

EU might have, but they made to disrupt NATO's eastward Republic will formally sign accesexpansion unless it was given a fair chance of joining the EU, but had more recently toned down its

> NATO sources said they do not see the EU-Turkey dispute affect-

sion protocols.

"Nobody seriously expects
Turkey will refuse to sign the
accession protocols tomorrow. We think everything remains on schedule," one source said.

ing this week's summit, where Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Germany, both fellow NATO

members, are seen by Ankara as the main opponents of giving pre-dominantly Moslem Turkey the "candidate" membership status that it seeks with the EU.

They say Turkey is offended that countries such as Romania and Bulgaria are on the EU list while the Turks remain in limbo.

Defense Minister Ruehe after speech scandal:

German army is no neo-Nazi bastion

By ERIK KIRSCHBAUM

HAMBURG (Renters) - Defense Minister Volker Ruehe, fighting to save the German army's reputation and his own political career, denied yesterday inat the Bundeswehr was a bastion of neo-Nazis.

Paying a morale-boosting visit to the elite mil-

itary academy in Hamburg that has been tainted by a far-right scandal, Ruehe denounced the German media for its "hysterical" efforts to portray the army as a haven for racists.

Ruehe said it was an "unacceptable scandal" that a convicted extreme right-wing bomber, Manfred Roeder, had been invited to speak to recruits at the academy in 1995. But he firmly defended the army against charges that it harbored extremists.

When I look at the hysteria in the German media, I sometimes have the impression that people abroad have more confidence in the German army than those people in Germany do," Ruche said, "Of course there are concerns. But I am convinced we have taken

exactly the right steps." Ruehe spoke just hours after 11 right-wing extremists handed out about 200 leaflets containing neo-Nazi propaganda to soldiers on their way into a nearby Hamburg military base. The skinheads left shortly after police arrived.

The defense minister, once considered a possisaid. "That is exactly the opposite of what our The defense minister, once considered a possihle successor to Chancellor Helmut Kohl though now fending off questions about whether be will resign, could not say if any more incidents of racism in the army would come to light.

But Ruche insisted that the number of right-

wing incidents had not risen in recent years, saying that the number of reported incidents had climbed precisely because the army was working hard to identify and root out rightists. There have been 130 incidents so far in 1997, up from 72 in all of 1996.

I have no doubts whatsoever about the leaders of the academy," Ruehe said. "I cannot imagine that any German officer would knowingly invite a terrorist who had spent 12 years in jail to speak. I have no fears about their intentions.

Ruche, appearing relaxed and jovial before a crowded news conference after the speech, said the notorious 1995 speech hy Roeder was "a blow that struck the German army in its most sensitive area."

"It is an unacceptable scandal that a convicted criminal, an incorrigible right-wing radical felon could come to our leadership academy," Ruche told the officers. "Everyone here should be deeply depressed and ashamed of that. This man stands for intolerance, violence, is army, and especially this academy, stands for...There is no place in the army for rightwing extremists."

Several other incidents linking the army with right-wing extremism have since surfaced; including reports that German soldiers on a peace mission in Croatia chanted "Sieg Heil," the Nazis' battle-cry, and the Nazis' greeting, "Heil Hitler."

Ruche dismissed these latest reports as lies designed to discredit the army. After decades of self-imposed isolation following the horrors of World War II, the German army only recently began taking part in peacekeeping missions The flawless reputation that our soldiers

have acquired in Bosnia apparently doesn't please everyone," Ruche said. "There are all sorts who want to drag the army's name into the mud. I have investigated these reports and they are pure fiction."

Der Spiegel news magazine said that a group of young officers, at a visit to a concentration camp, reportedly made a joke about the weathcr. "It is so cold that someone should add a few Jews to the fire in the crematorium. They burn

New documents: Papon was diligent in rounding up Jews Bordeaux region during the occu-pation period, had the list drawn

np within 24 hours of receiving

the German, demand, despite a

npte from his superior telling him to "do nothing, promise nothing" until given further instructions.

Papon has repeatedly described himself as a savior of local Jews

and promised to provide the court

By LEE YAHOWITCH

BORDEAUX (Reuters) - The legal defense of accused Nazi collaborator Maurice Papon has been tested by documents suggesting he was diligent in rounding up Jews rather than uninvolved, as he has

Since his warning crimes against humanity trial began in the southwestern French city of Bordeaux two months ago, Papon has insisted he devoted his energy as a senior Vichy official to saving Jews, while bureaucrats above and below him dutifully executed Nazi orders.

Last week the court finally focused on the acts of which he is accused: the afrest of 1,560 Jews for deportation to Nazi death camps between 1942 and 1944.

Documents signed by Papon and examined in the Bordeaux courtroom last week included a requisition order for train cars in which Jews were sent on July 18, 1942, to the Drancy transit camp outside Paris, the last stop before Auschwitz. Another spells out measures to be taken by local officials to implement a July 1942 German order for the arrest of Jews aged 16 to 45.

Papon, the No. 2 official in the

with a list of those he saved. But when asked by the judge to produce the list, he has fallen silent and offered no other proof. Other documents which surfaced last week in the trial, which

is expected to last through March, were notes written and signed by Papon authorizing officials to begin organizing a July 16, 1942, round-up of Jews, the first of 10 Papon is accused of ordering.

The notes were addressed to police officer Rene Techoueyre and Pierre Garat, the head of Bordeaux's Service for Jewish Questions and Papon's direct subordinate.

Papon has repeatedly insisted he had no decision-making powers and was signing such notes only on behalf of his boss, Bordeaux Prefect Maurice Sabatier. The court is due this week to

examine the case of a group of

children left behind in the Bordeaux region following the July 1942 arrest of their parents. Prosecutors allege that Papon ordered the children taken out of

Papon has demied ordering the arrests and transfers to Drancy, and has told the court be did not know at the time the Jews were

hiding the following month and

being sent to death camps. Emotions ran high in the courtroom last week during the testimony of an old man, Hernz Librach. who lost most of his family in the

Holocanst. Afterwards, presiding judge Jean-Louis Castagnede projected on the wall the original list of names of those sent to Drancy and on to Auschwitz in the first trans-

port from Bordeaux. Until now, it seemed as though the victims were make-believe, or virtual victims," said Alain Jakubowicz, lawyer for the B'nai

Brith, a civil plaintiff. "But emotion has now finally entered the courtroom and the jury can see that these are not just names on a piece of paper, but peo-ple who had lives - mothers, fathers, children," Jakubowicz

Terrorist Carlos' lawyers quit trial



A courtroom sketch by Jean Claude Bauer of Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, better known as Carlos the Jackal, standing between two gendarmes yesterday. At right is Judge Yves Corneloup.

By NICOLAS MARMIE

PARIS (AP) - The lawyers for "Carlos the Jackal" quit his murder trial in its second day yesterday at the request of their elient, who denounced the proceedings as a "judicial scandal" and praised his French attorney for boldly defying legal form.

Carlos, whose real name is llich Ramirez Sanchez - once one of the world's most wanted terrorists - had asked his three attorneys to leave the mial if the court refused their request to reopen the investigation into the 1975 triple killing.

Only one of Ramirez's attorneys. Isabelle Coutant-Peyre, is French. The other two are Lebanese and Venezuelan, like himself.

Initially, the court refused the defense request to set Ramirez free on the grounds that he was illegally arrested in Sudan and hrought to France in August 1994. The court later refused the defense demand to reopen its investigation into the killings Ramirez is accused of having car-

ried out. "In this affair, no one wants to look for the truth," Coutant-Peyre said before leaving the courtroom. "Your decision," she told the court, "is contrary to the principles

for which I took my oath." The lawyers then walked out. "I am very proud of having met an honest French lawyer who conserves

the traditions of courage which gave France its grandeur," Ramirez said as his lawyers filed out

He then denounced the trial as a "judicial scandal." Coutant-Peyre could risk sanctioning for defying Presiding Judge Yves Corneloup. who ordered her to stay on.

If the lawyers do not return to the trial, expected to last until Friday, it was likely Ramirez would be assigned a lawyer since French procedure calls for defendants to be represented.

Ramirez is on trial in Paris for the 1975 killing of two French intelligence agents and a Lebanese

The defense contends the victims were actually killed in a plot carried

out by the Mossad and the CIA. These policemen were sent to the slaughterhouse by Israeli

that be was arrested illegally when French agents spirited him out of the Sudan August 14, 1994.

The court also put off a decision on Ramirez's request to remove a terrorists' victims association, SOS-Attentats, from the trial. The group is a civil party to the case against Ramirez. Ramirez denounced what he called the

agents," Ramirez told the court. The court opened the trial's second day by rejecting Ramirez's argument

Coumnt-Peyre said Ramirez had been "illegally kidnapped."

a withdrawal_ Clinton is considering retaining "incestnous relations" between the judges and SOS-Attentats.

Clinton to visit Bosnia next week

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -President Bill Clinton is likely to fly to Bosnia soon for a whirtwind Christmas visit with US peacekeeping forces, a White House official said Sunday.

The president would very much

like to visit our troops in Bosnia and planning is going forward on such a trip," the official said. Although details had not been finalized, Clinton's visit probably would last less than a day, be

But the Washington Post reported

yesterday that Clinton would leave next Sunday or Monday and visit Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, and Tuzla, the major base for US troops. He would be on the ground for roughly 12-14 hours, it said. The president traditionally makes an appearance with military per-

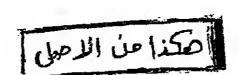
sonnel during the holiday season. White House aides told the Post that they believed soldiers serving in Bosnia under restrictive rules and at some risk to their safety deserved recognition and a morale The newspaper said the trip also

would serve to build the case back home for why US troops may have to remain in Bosnia beyond the June 1998 deadline Clinton set for

US troops in Bosnia within some international force after a NATO-led stabilization force (SFOR) of more than 34,000 is withdrawn in June.



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The dry bones' prophecy II

By DANIEL WILLIAMS

YEKATERINBURG, Russia — Early this month, a train arrived at the central railway station here pulling a green, armored wagon containing several heavy safes and some medical equipment. The special car was sent by President Boris Yeltsin to carry to Moscow the bones of the murdered Czar Nicholas II, his wife, Alexandra. and their children, family physician and servants.

The return trip was meant 10 open the last act in one of Russia's most mysterious and painful historical sagas, that of the imprisonment, execution, secret burial, discovery, identification and, finally, reburial of the Romanovs, the country's last imperial family.

But local officials refuse to give up the remains. Last week, following much negotiation and the hurling of insults between Moscow and Yekaterinburg authorities, the train left bearing only the bones of Anna Demidova, Alexandra's loyal lady-in-waiting.

The tug-of-war adds yet one more indignity to the many visited on the family, which in their last moments of life suffered pitiless torment in the basement of an Yekaterinburg mansion. One Moscow author described the current treatment as "the second murder of the Romanovs."

For six years the nine skeletons have been examined for authenticity, and dates for a royal burial have

been set and discarded repeatedly. Three independent examinations have matched genetic material from Nicbolas' bones with DNA from distant relatives. Other tests prove the bones of Nicholas and four of the other skeleions are related.

Examinations by various forensic experts indicate that those are the remains of Alexandra and daughters Tatiana, Olga and Anastasia.

The bodies of daughter Marie and Alexei, Nicholas' son and heir to the throne, are believed to have been burned by the assassins.

The other remains are identified as those of Demidova, the physician Eugene Botkin, a cook named Ivan Kharitonov and Alouzy Trupp, Nicholas's valet.

Heavy circumstantial evidence also points to authenticity. Notes attributed to the chief assassin, Yakov Yurovsky, describe a country road topped by railroad ties. The skeletons were found in such a place. Bullets, crushed skulls and jaws attest to brutal murders.

What are the chances a group of skeletons linked genetically to the royalty of Europe could appear in a mass grave near Yekaterinburg and not be the Romanovs?

"All the scientific tests have been done," said Alexander Avdonin, a geologist and amateur historian who was part of a team that discovered the remains. "It is immoral that in six years they have not yet been buried. We should now act as morally as possible and do everything possible to bring Russia to peace." But some Russians suspect the bones are not authentic apparently a holdover from years of official deceit. Also, Russians are still debating the czar's place in history, and this affects plans for bow

he ought to be buried. Politics enters in: Who is to blame for the murders? Was it Lenin or zealous local officials? Plus, the far-flung Romanov family is divided over whether the remains are Nicholas' and, if they are, how ought they to be buried.

And, of course, whoever gets final control of the czar's remains obtains an instant tourist attraction. So officials in Yekaterinburg, Moscow and St. Petersburg, the czarist capital, vie for the privilege.

Everybody in this city in the southern Ural Mountains knows

about the mansion belonging to ner Nikolai Nevolin's office on Itapiev the merchant. That was where the Romanovs were kept under Bolshevik guard and where on the night of July 17, 1918, their jailers killed them.

A description of the murders. penned by Yurovsky, makes chill-ing reading. After informing Nicholas the family was doomed because anti-Bolshevik rebels planned to rescue them, Yurovsky pulled out a Mauser pistol and "shot and killed him outright." Then other gunmen, each with a specified target, entered the room.

"At that moment, disorganized, disorderly firing began.... Bullets began to ricocbet, because the wall was brick.

"It turned out that the daughters," [and] Alexandra, and it seems, Demidova and Alexei, too, were alive. I think they had fallen from fear or maybe intentionally, so they were alive. Then we proceeded to finish the shooting. Alexei remained sitting petrified. I killed him. [The others] shot the daughters but did not kill them. . . . Finally, they killed them by shooting them in the head."

The Ipatiev house is gone; Boris Yeltsin was the Communist Party official who, in 1977, buildozed the house because it was becoming a magnet for monarchist pilgrims.

Avdonin, the geologist, spent many years informally investigating before finding the remains' whereabouts in 1979. He kept it secret until 1991, after a fellow discoverer spilled the news in a magazine. Avdonin suspects Moscow wants the bones for some nefarious "political reason." They are too fragile to move around. They have been buried under a road for 80 years, cars have run over them. Some of them are like lace," he said.

At the Yekaterinburg morgue, the bones lie down the hall from coro-

slabs covered by a glass hood. The room is guarded by Russian riol police. Recently, one of Nicholas' vertebrae disappeared; Nevolin suspects a British television crew palmed the artifact. "I am tired of foreigners coming to visit," he said.

Under a compromise reached between local and national officials, the remains will shuttle between Yekaterinburg and Moscow for tests. To take a set of remains, the Muscovites must return a previously borrowed set intact.

Nevolin said Yekaterinburg officials agreed to release Demidova's bones, and others perhaps later, under certain conditions: that new forensic examinations be made; that Nicbolas' skull be examined for traces of a scar said to have resulted when attacked by a crazed Japanese assailant during an 1891 visit to Japan; that three-dimensional computer models be made of the skeletons for future study; and that a pair of wisdom teeth be tested for DNA matching.

look for signs of ritual killing. The ritual killing rumor echoes from Russian and European medieval history, although there bas never been a recorded instance of such blood sacrifice.

The question was also put by the Russian Orthodox Church on the grounds that the rumor must be quashed. The church asked investigators to look into nine other issues, among them the need to authenticate Yurovsky's handwritien report, to compare the present probe with past investigations, and to see whether Nicholas was possibly beheaded.

There is an old rumor that Lenin kept the czar's head in a safe. There are also bones stored in a church in Belgium that some emigres believe were the czar's.

(The Washington Post)



Warming up over the eternal flame in St. Petersburg's Marsovo cemetery, where heroes of Russia's October Revolution are buried. Now Russians wonder how to express their newly restored respect for their once disgraced royal dynasty.

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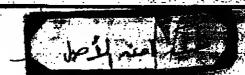
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Bubble gum for the masses

t's time for the end-of-year cleanup when those discs that have been gathering dust at the bottom of the pile clamor to be heard. And what do they scream? "Pop!" The term "pop music" has always been slammed by us rock connoisseurs as something disposable, with no lasting power. And upon listening to the latest pop releases, that assessment still rings true. Whether light as whipped cream or sugary as a sufgania, one thing that unifies the following artists is their sweetness. So let's get happy and dive into the goo.

THE BEST of Wham may sound like an oxymoron. But George Michael's

> THE BEST OF WHAM (NMC)

LIKE YOU DO ... BEST OF LIGHTNING SEEDS

Lionel Richie

POSTCARDS FROM HEAV-EN Lighthouse Family

(NMC)

adolescent alliance with Andrew Ridgley, who has since gone on to Trivial Pursuit infamy, actually crafted some endearingly soulful dance

music and pop ballads.



George Michael's (left) adolescent alliance with Andrew Ridgley resulted in some endearingly soulful dance music and pop ballads.

rap-style material aside, their hits (based on three albums) hint at the semi-talent that would soon make Michael a journeyman soulster in his own right. But please don't make me listen to Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go" ever again.

THE LIGHTNING Seeds sound like the Pet Shop Boys with guitars instead of synthesizers. Bouncy, melody-driven pop songs performed by a mostly one-man band headed by Ian Broudic, the group invokes sunny images and a fragile demeanor.

Listening to their greatest hits which also comes after three whole albums - is a guilty pleasure, like sneaking a yummy, fattening dessert with absolutely no outritional value. This includes their hit remake of the Byrds-written, Turtles-performed 1960s gem, "You Showed Me."

The duo's squeaky clean pro- SOMEONE MUCH more duction and awkward attempts at deserved of a greatest hits collection is R&B crooner Lionel Richie who racked up 13 Top 10 hits between 1981 and 1987. This collections centers on Richie's love songs from his solo career as well as earlier tunes from his days with the Commodores.

Sentimental and mushy, there's still a craft to this, and Richie does it better than almost anyone. This inclodes the duet with Diana Ross "Endless Love," the mega-hit "Hello" and one of the all-time best slow-dance songs, "Three Times a Lady." Where's my prom tux?

THE LIGHTHOUSE Family is a black/white Newcastle-on-Tyne duo which bas been burning up the English and local charts with its mildly interesting brand of pop. Given vocalist Tunde Baiyewu's Nigerian roots - you'd never know it musically - or Paul Tucker's varied musical background, there's very little here to distinguish the group from acts like Simply Red or Seal.

Combioing deceot dance rhythms with lyrics, the groups calls itself R&B or soul, but such an appellation probably has Muddy Waters and Marvin Gaye spinning in their graves.

Their second album, Postcards From Heaven is fairly consistent within the limited confines. "High" is deceot single material and an album highlight. The bottom line is that their highly produced tracks could be appropriate for the dance floor or background music, but they lack the imagination and luster that makes a fair album a good one. Just as white bread can be tasty, Postcards has its moments.

MADREDEUS IS what happens when two leading Portuguese pop stars (Pedro Ayres and Rodrigo Leo) get bored with the standard fare they're churning out, and begin writing tunes for two acoustic guitars. Ayres began writing lyrics to fit, while imagining the sort of "voice" that might sing them.

One night at a club, their attention was drawn to a young woman who suddenly began to sing fado, traditional Portuguese folk music, at a table where she was sitting with a group of friends. This was how they first met the then teenager Teresa Salgueiro, whom they quickly invited to an auditioo. After the first few songs, the musicians realized that they had found the voice they had been looking

Since that event in 1986 they have pot out a few albums, and had their ups and owns, O Paraiso is actually Madredeus's comeback album after a recent breakup. Madredeus sings of love, dreams, spring and the good things in life. Put it on and politics, strikes and the daily grind melt away. So, in the spirit of national harmony, grab a Brazilian frieod to translate the lyrics, sit back and enjoy an

'L.A. Confidential' sweeps critics' awards

A. Confidential has been Wings of the Dove. Film Critics Association added its vote to those already bestowed by the New York Film Critics and National Board of Review.

The movie's director, Curtis Hanson, also was chosen Saturday by Los Angeles film critics as best director for the film noir about crooked cops in 1950s Los Angeles, which was adapted from the James Ellroy novel. The film also won best screenplay (Hanson and Brian Helgeland); and best

cinematography (Dante Spinotti). The New York Film Critics gave LA. Confidential best film and director nods. Two days carlier, the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, gave best movie and director honors to LA. Confidential, which was also named best screenplay by the National Board of Review. Other best picks by Los Angeles

Film Critics Association: Actress - Helena Bonham-Carter,

judged the best movie of Actor - Robert Duvall, The

Supporting Actress - Julianne Moore, Boogie Nights. Supporting Actor - Burt Reynolds, Boogie Nights. New Generation - Paul Thomas

Anderson, Boogie Nights, Hard Foreign Film - Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne, La Promesse. Documeotary - Michael Uys, Lexy Lovell, Riding the Rails. Production Design - Peter

Lamont, Titanic. Animation - John Musker, Roo Clements, Hercules and Trey Parker, Matt Stone, The Spirit of Christmas.

Music/Score - Philip Glass, Kundun. Career Achievement - Joseph H.

Lewis. Citation - Peter Special

Bogdanovich, for contributions since 1960, interviews of directors and his 1997 book, Who the Devil



Tabloid journalist Sid Hudgeons (Danny DeVito, left) schmoozes with high-profile cop Jack Vincennes (Kevin Spacey) in 'L.A. Confidential.'

Cross-dressing on the 'Dunes'

THEATER REVIEW

14 minor productions listed by the new Fringe Center and scheduled to play on the small stages of Tzavia and ZOA House.

They will be found to be rewarding by all theatergoers concerned about the future of serious local drama.

A bright beacon as regards quality of content, performance, and presentation, they range from The Treatment (Hanpul), already reviewed here as subtle, sophisticated avant garde, to pieces like Yearnings for Kissinger, mini-

> DOWN AMONG THE DUNES Bein Rabolot' by Taber Ben Jalon At ZOA House, Tel Aviv

musicals with a local slant, or Mr. V., a weighty projection of this country's most controversial traitor, Vanuau. Mostly mono- or duodramas powerfully directed and cast, they have already proven themselves in the framework of frioge festivals like

Theatemento and Acre. Like Hashim Yassin's Death

Tahar Ben Jaion's Down among the Dames' (Hebrew among the Dames, while performed in Hebrew, is based on an Arabic text. A well-known actress, Rivka Bechar gives a virtuoso performance in the role of Ahmed, the last of eight daughters born to a disappointed Moroccan

father who had expected this child to be a son. In his frustration, he decides to raise her as the man she should have been.

Female impersonators are no rarity on our stages. But a woman who plays a man is something of a phenomenon. Shaven-headed, in flowing Moroccan galabiah, Bechar builds a moving portrait of a tragic, tormented personality tom between the urges of her gut femininity and the acquired manperisms of her macho upbringing.

As a male impersonator, ber characterization is formidable. Visceral body language, expressive eye and mouth movement, and a flexible vocal range are incorporated to make a more than convincing figure. Her presentation does not, however, end there. Exploiting the story-teller's treat-ment embodied in the text, she peoples the stage with a host of indigeoous Moslem Moroccan types that conjure up the manners and mores of that oanon with striking verisimilitude.

The serene spirituality of Fauré's Requiem

grandiose as that of Verdi, oot as pbilosophical as that of Brahms or as emotionally loaded as that of Mozart. The Fauré Requiem is a much more

The Fauré

Requiem

is not as

spiritual than dramatic work, a very French opus which is more serene than somber, more evocanive than mesmerizing. Yet it is a magical opus that captivates the audience in its purity and simplic-

Fauré and Honegger Mann Auditorium December 14

ity. And all these qualities of the Requiem emerged under Antonio Pappano's delicate baton, a very poetic reading of a work that has its own special charm and aura. The Slovak Philharmonic Choir was superb, soprano Juanita Lascarro sang ber beautiful "Pie Jesu" solo with majestic purity and delicate spirituality of the voice, and baritone Nathan Gunn provided bis solos with agility. But above all, it was the combina-

tion of orchestra and chorus that made this performance shine.

The orchestra was also superb playing the hauoting Pavane by Fauré and the quite dramatic Third (Liturgique) Symphony by Honegger, a didactic programmat-ic opus about a world losing itself and its humanity, yet a piece that has its moments of dramatic beauty and charm. IPO principal flutist Yossi Amheim had several beautiful solos in this 20th-century program, which was well chosen, well presented and extremely well performed by the IPO and its chief guest conductor.

Michael Ajzenstadt

UNDER the title Mediterranean Musical Dialogue, some outstanding guest artists from Turkey, Greece and Azerbaijan presented their tradioooal music on ethnic instruments either solo or in collaboration with local musicians. The immense richness and vitality of these music traditions was impressively highlighted by the guest performers. Ihsan Özgen from Turkey produced amazingly delicate sounds from the kemenche, the Turkish violin. His compatriot Najan Tohelik ran the gamut of expression from introverted calm to showy virtuosity on the oud. Ross Daily, though Irishborn, proved on the Greek lyre that Greece belongs culturally to the Middle East despite its

European definition in geography books. The subtle nuances of ornamentations and dynamics were exhibited by Ramiz Guliev from Azerbaijan on the tar (long-necked lute). Diversified though these various traditions are, their common decominator, improvisation, was demonstrated even in some composed pieces.

The local musicians who joined the foreign masters displayed a fair degree of adaptability and recepnveness to their guests' styles rather than engaging in a musical dialogue with them. In this sense, the encounter proved enriching.

MIDDLE EASTERN MUSIC TRADITIONS Zionist Confederation House December 10

The most pretentious Israeli piece, by Israel Borachov and his group. turned out to be the poorest one musically: would-be Bolero proceeding in a contrived melody lacking the inspiration and freshness of the preceding ethnic genres.

A medley of traditional times in a jazzed-up version was presented by saxophonist Albert Piamenta and his group as an inevitable coocession to the pop-oriented audience. A highly imaginative percussion solo on the Arab drums was their most enchanting contribu-

Johnny Cash faces daunting challenge

By JIM PATTERSON

n his songs, Johnny Cash never shied away from life's dark side. It's all there: temptation, murder, incarceration and just plain loneliness.

Now the singer of "Folsott Prison Blues" and many other hits faces another demon: Parkinson's disease. The condidon threatens his ability to sing and play music, which is all he's ever wanted to do. It's the latest of a long list of health challenges that have plagued the 65-year-old singer, including addictioos to amphetamines and pain killers, and open-heart surgery in 1988.

Parkinson's attacks the nervous system and erodes motor skills. It is caused by the loss of brain cells which secrete dopamine, a chemical necessary to keep muscle movements smooth and controlled.

It is a progressive and incurable disease, though medication can slow its spread and cootrol symptoms such as shaking and drooling.

Cash's grandfather, William Henry Cash, died of Parkinson's in 1912.

"He knew about it from a physical he had earlier in the fall," Cash's manager Lou Robin said. "He had no symptoms at the time, so he didn't attempt to address it. In his mind, he wasn't going to have it, so that was that." At his last concert, on October

25 in Flint, Michigan, Cash, almost fell down while bending to retrieve his guitar pick. Two days earlier, he performed in Knoxville, Tennessee. A reviewer for The Knoxville News-Sentinel wrote that Cash's timing seemed off and he didn't

appear for an encore. On October 27, he canceled a book tour in New York to pro-Cash: and an-Autobiography nounced through a news

release that he has Parkinson's. Since then, he has been in seclusion with his family while getting medical advice and considering his future. "Johnny feels confident that

once the Parkinson's is medically stabilized, he can resume his normal work schedule," Robin said.

Cash normally performs also works in the recording studio and films television commercials. With treatment, be probably

could continue performing, said Dr. Thomas Davis, director of the movement disorders clinic at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. "The disease is extremely variable from person to person," said Davis, who is not treating Cash. Certainly, earlier in the disease many performers could continue doing what they cormally would do. Also, early on it can be fairly local. For example, the right hand could be affected enough to hurt guitar-playing, but someone could still sing."

If retirement ever sounded good to Cash, he probably would have done it by now. He doesn't need to work. He has sold over 50 million records, and he and wife June Carter Cash own bomes outside

Nashville, in Jamaica, the British West Indies, and in Port Richey, Florida.

Through four decades of troubles, trinmphs and varying degrees of commercial success, Cash has consistently toured and recorded music. In an interview last year with The Associated Press, he said he had a "burning desire" to continue performing.

In the early days of his career, Cash scored rock 'n' roll hits like Ballad of a Teenage Queen" and was known as an amphetamineaddicted hell-raiser who tore up hotel rooms.

In the 1960s and '70s, be became a country music super-star, weaving folk music, country and gospel into a unique stew. The Johnny Cash Show" aired on ABC from 1969-71, one of the first network variety shows with a country music performer as host.

He is the only living member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. His country music popularity faded in the 1980s, but in recent years a younger generation discovered him and gave his career new life. His audience these days includes senior citizeos and people in their 20s.

Since 1994, he has released two CDs on American Recordings, owned by rapheavy metal producer Rick Rubin. And be's become a hero to younger country music performers who have found themselves, like Cash, unwelcome in the mainstream of country

music. "Johnny Cash is the John Wayne of couotry music," said Robbie Fulks, a singer-songwriter from Chicago. "He's unapologetic, gigantic and alone. His singing is too unpretty for country and too dignified for rock. His music at his most powerful makes you wooder if there is a moral quality to human suffering." Cash bas suffered many medical problems through the years. A pinched nerve in his jaw causes him constant pain, and be was treated for addiction to morphine in 1984 at the Betty Ford Center for Chemical

Dependence. In 1988, he underwent successful double-bypass heart surgery. The following year he about 80 concerts a year. He entered a drug-and-alcobol treatment center 10 guard against a relapse after he

stopped taking pain medication. Although Cash and his family are uneasy about his current condition, they are hopeful the Parkinson's can be stabilized using medication, Robin said. So far, his only symptom has been equilibrium problems. Experimental surgical procedures will be considered, he said. "He's faced a lot of challenges in his life." Robin said. "He thrives on challenges and will deal with this accordingly." If Cash can still perform, chances are he will.

In Cash: The Autobiagraphy, he writes that he'd like to "just keel over and die oo the stage. under the lights, with my band and my family around me and Fluke (drummer W.S. Holland) still laying down the beat. That's every performer's dream, you know." (AP)

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Unwelcome guest

ouis Farrakhan, who ended a visit to the Palestinian autonomous areas yesterday, is generally described by the media as a "controversial hlack leader." Journalistic shorthand might require such a sanitized descriptioo. hut let the record show the truth: Farrakhan is an uorepentant racist and antisemite, made all the more dangerous by feigned anempts at modera-

Yesterday, Farrakhan told Army Radio that he harbors "no hatred for the Jewish world" and his statement calling Jews "hloodsuckers" needs to be understood in the proper context. "I grew up in Boston." Farrakhan continued, "and all my childhood friends were Jewish ... My criticisms are not out of hatred hut from love and desire to improve. like the prophets of the

What a relief. Now we know that when Farrakhan claims that Jews were hehind the slave trade; that Jews oppress blacks through their control of the US government. Hollywood, and the banks; that German Jews financed Hitler, who was a "great man"; that Jewish bankers "forced" Japan to attack America at Pearl Harbor; and that Judaism is a "dirty religion" - that he means all this as constructive criticism. How could anyone have confused such loving advice with antisemitism?

Of course, it might be more worrisome if Farrakhan were to regard Jews and Israel with friendship, given his attraction to the world's leading dictators. On his last swing of world diplomacy, in early 1996, Farrakhan was the special guest of Nigeria's military dictator, Sani Abacha. To the horror of African-American activists trying to restore democracy to Nigeria, Farrakhan defended Ahacha's execution of Nigerian writer Ken Saro-Wiwa, saying "You hanged one man. So what? Ask them, too, 'How many did you hang?""

Farrakhan's most famous friend is Libya's bizarre strongman, Muammar Gaddafi. Plans for a great partnership to mobilize, in Gaddafi's words, "oppressed blacks, Arabs. Moslems, and Red Indians" in the United States were somewhat stymied by the American government's blocking a \$1 billion Libyan contribution to Farrakhan's organization, but presumably this collaboration will continue.

Next it was off to Sudan, the newest nation on the US list of terrorist-supporting nations.

Farrakhan met with Sudanese President Omar Hassan Bashir, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Sudan is one of the few nations in the world where hlack slavery still exists. According to human rights groups, Moslems from Sudan's northern region regularly enslave Sudanese hlacks, and sell women and children in slave markets for as little as \$15.

No proper world tour would be complete without stops in both Teheran and Baghdad. where Farrakhan was welcomed with open arms and where he showed that he could Americahash with the best of them. To the Iranian parliament, Farrakhan pledged that he would "utilize American Moslem unity as a lever of pressure against the United States's arrogant policies" and lauded the mullah's regime as "a perfect example of government hased on the Koran." In Iraq, Farrakhan railed against international sanctions, calling them "a crime against humanity" and compared the hospitals he visited there to "death camps."

Despite all this, the Israeli government was right to allow him to cross the border and pray at the Al-Aksa mosque on his current "peace mission." as he said he wished to do, though he canceled his visit to Jerusalem at the last minute, for unknown reasons, Farrakhan's sowing of hatred and embrace of dictatorships is distasteful, but it is not illegal so long as he took no actions that would threaten public

It was also correct, however, that no Israeli government official would meet with him. To do so would be an insult to Jews all over the world, particularly to American Jews, who must contend with his systematic poisoning of black-Jewish relations. It is unclear why MK Dedi Zucker was so woolly-headed as to suggest that the government invite him here for an official

The fact that Farrakban does have some fringe support within the American black community, and that he combioes charges of poisocous conspiracies with positive messages, such as preaching responsibility, should not be allowed to confuse respectable public figures so much that they give him any measure of recognition. Farrakhan certainly knows how to use those who ostracize him to play the victim, but to do otherwise is to condone hate-mongering as a form of counseling.



Senseless fights

uring the discussions held last year hy several Likud and Labor MKs, which produced the proposal for the final-status arrangement known as the Eitan-Beilin Plan, there arose, as was to be expected, the question of the status of the Palestinian residents of east Jerusalem, who are today Jordanian citizens.

OPINION

Insticctively, several of the Likud members said that sioce there is no dispute between Likud and Labor on the priociple that Jerusalem must remain united and receive recognitioo as Israel's capital, under Israeli sovereignty, Jerusalem's Arabs should be Israeli citizens.

There was silence for a moment. Then, another Likud MK asked: "Do you know what would have happened if we had succeeded in making this dream come true before the '96 elections?" He hurried to answer: "Shimon Peres would today be the prime minister, and we would have long ago replaced [Binyamin] Netanyahu, as the opposition head that failed to hring us to power!" The others retracted their earlier statemeots, admitting they hadn't thought of

"It would be better," continued the Likud MK, "that the 180,000 Arabs in east Jerusalem live in an autocomous quarter of Jerusalem that is under our sovereignty, but vote for the Palestinian parlia-When Likud leaders shouted from the rooftops about revenung the Palestinian census from taking place in Jerusalem and rushed last week to pass legislation on the matter, I thought it was too bad they had not participated in that in-depth, serious discussion that members of the two factions held last year. If they had thought about it for a moment, they would have realized that both sides here have a mutual

YOSSI BEILIN

ioterest. After all, the Palestinians living

in east Jerusalem have, io the main, oot accepted Israeli citizenship, even though this option has been open to them since 1967. This, even though, had they voted in the Knesset elections, we would have a prime minister who would be pursuing peace, and if they had voted in the Jerusalem

A census does not demonstrate sovereignty; there is nothing stopping

us from conducting a similar survey of **Australian Jewry**

municipal elections, the capital would have a mayor who pursues peace and encourages mutual understanding. What can we do? They prefer to cast their lot with their Palestinian htothers.

ISRAEL, which is gradually separating from most of the territories, is doing this, by and large, for demographic reasons. Some 4.5 million Jews live alongside three millioo Arabs between the Jordan River and the sea, and demographic processes are likely to turn us into a minority here in generation unless we peacefully disengage ourselves from most of the Arabs and their

If during this process we annex east Jerusalem's Arabs, we will harm this delicate demographic halance and it could undermine the future of the Jewish state. And if there is one issue on which Likud and Labor agree, it is the

desire to assure that Israel continues to be both a Jewish and democratic state

Under the agreement between us and the PLO, the Palestiman Authority may not carry out any activities that demonstrate sovereignty, outside those areas that are handed over to them. Not in Haifa, not in Tel Aviv, not in Eilat, and oot in Jerusalem. A ceasus does oot fall in this category, however, by the same token, there is nothing stopping us from conducting a similar survey of

Australian Jewry. But anyone who fears that the census is likely to hint that in the future, east Jerusalem Arabs will be citizens of a Palestinian state, must understand that that is the optimal solution, both for the Palestinians and It is the optimal solution pre-

cisely because there will be a Palestinian state, whose capital will be outside united Jerusalem. The Arab residents of east Jerusalem will no longer be Jordanian citizens, and will no longer have any interest in Israeli citizenship. They will ask for Palestinian citizenship, even though they will, in fact, be living outside their state, and they will be able to vote for the Palestinian parliament - just as Jews who will choose to remain in Hebron after the Palestinian state is established will live outside the State of Israel but will be able to vote for the

Knesset. Instead of starting senseless fights over the census in Jerusalem, it would be better for our prime minister to think seriously as to what type of answers-be plans to give US Secretary of State Madeleine Alhright this. week. Because if he goes to her again with empty hands, she may well not turn the other cheek for a kiss.

The writer is a Labor MK.

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STEWART WEISS

The government's decision to allow Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan into Israel even though his planted visit to Jerusalem never took place, is more than just ill-advised; it is but another example of our lack of national pride, and our willingness to coddle terrorists and avowed enemies of our people.

Farrakhan has been preaching his anti-white, anti-American, anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli diatribe since the early 1950s when, as a calypso singer, he recorded the song, "A White Man's Heaven is a Black Man's Hell." At the time, he was known as Louis X. Wolcott, and was a dedicated disciple of the late black Moslem leader Elijah Muhammad. When Muhammad died, and his successor Wallace Muhammad sought a reconciliation with white America, Wolcott - now known as Farrakhan - broke with the movement to promote his separatist, racist ideology.

Farrakhan might have remained relatively obscure had be not formed an alliance with Jesse Jackson when the latter bid for the US. presideotial nomination in 1984. His public association with Jackson afforded him the national publicity he sought; his rabid antisemitic comments only heightened that exposure. While Jackson disassociated himself from Farrakhan's remarks, be did not reject the man or his support, thus giving Farrakhan a platform from which he could preach his

brand of white supremacy. Since then, Farrakhan has played to alarmingly large audiences in America and around the world. At each rally, he has voiced his vision of America as "the Great Satan." He has viciously defamed Judaism, calling it "a gutter religion," and has labeled Israel "an outlaw state" that "will lead to the destruction of the Western World." Farrakhan has gone so far as to praise Hitler as "a great man," misunderstood by the writers of history.

Farrakhan perceives antiseminism as the road to success

By playing 'the Jewish card,' Farrakhan has garnered mass quantities of free publicity, the lifeblood of the demagogue

for his extremism, as it strikes a responsive chord among alienatblacks, who have become increasingly radical in their rejection of the present political establishment. Despite a long history of black-lewish cooperation on matters of civil rights, the two groups have grown far apart over issues like quotas and affirmative action, and the Jews have now been characterized as a primary adversary of the blacks in their struggle for full equality.

BY playing "the Jewish card." Farrakhan has garnered mass quantities of free publicity, the life-blood of the demagogue. His attacks upon Israel have brought him a \$5 million interest-free loan from Libya's dictator Muammar Gaddafi, a ticker-tape parade in Tripoli, and a pledge of \$1 billion for his organization (embargued by the American government as part of its sanctions against Libya). His appeal to hlack America to "break free from the chains of white bondage" - symbolized first and foremost by the Jews, whom he has branded as the instigators of the slave trade - has struck a dangerously raw nerve among the young and poor of the

hlack community. This is not to say that Farrakhan has not scored certain successes in his attempt to raise the morale and integrity of the blacks: He bas - through programs like the cele-brated Million Man March caused large numbers of blacks to take command of their lives and go back to work, return to their families, and reject lives of crime and unemployment. Bot even these positive achievements of Farrakhan's cannot excuse his

Until now, despite innumerable attempts by a variety of public and private figures black and white, Farrakhan has refused to publicly disavow his racist statements and antisemitic rhetoric. In newspapers and before white audiences; he claims to have no prejudice whatsoever towards Jews and Israelis: But, when he preaches to his constituents, he is unreformed in his victousness

towards our people. We here in israel have always encouraged visits from lew and non-Jew alike:

But until Farrakhan demonstrates that he is no longer an enemy of our people; he is one tourist whose visa should regist unstamped.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DAMAGING EDITORIAL

Sir, - We regard your editorial "Turkey fails to shape up" (December 141 as inaccurate, unhalanced and damaging to Israel's vital interests.

The European Community's continued refusal to admit Turkey has already done enormous damage hy stimulating Islamic fundamentalism in that country and may yet succeed in turning "the only successful secular democratic Moslem state in the Middle East" into a fundamentalist dictatorship allied with Iran and Pakistan.

Your editorial shows concern for the rights of the Kurdish minority in Turkey, yet criticizes Turkey's protection of the rights of the Turkish minority in Cyprus. It implicitly justifies not only PKK terrorism, hut also the provision of training camps and hases for PKK operations by Syria. Lehanon and

These enemies of Turkey are also Israel's enemies - or in the case of Greece support our enemies, while the alliance with Turkey is essential to Israel's security and its ability to negotiate with the Arabs from a position of strength.

> YOHANAN RAMATI, The Jerusalem Institute for Western Defense.

Jerusalem.

SLAP IN THE FACE

Sir. - Jonathan Rosenhlum, hy the grace of The Jerusalem Post. has succeeded in hringing the violence and hatred of this particularfanatic persoo towards secular Jews into our lives and our homes.

Since I've been a reader of the paper (1970), the Jerusolem Post has gone through many changes, depending on owners and editors. hut always managed to present a relatively halanced basket of opin-

Rosenhlum's articles, from their

first appearance, were like a slap in the face. Unfortunately, his was not a one-time performance, as I hoped, hut he became a "columnist" of the Jerusalem Post. It makes me wonder who else will receive the podium in your paper

Please refrain from hatemon-

gering.

SYLVIA GUR

Haifa.

MEDIA CONFRONTATIONS

Sir. - The greatest threat to Israel today is not from Arah terrorism. but our intolerance towards each other. The media plays a major role in fostering such confrontations. Political leaders, prominent fig-

ures, journalists and TV personalioes who condemn and deride major segments of the population because they don't like their politics create an atmosphere of higotry and hatred. We must stop wholesale, indis-

criminate attacks on groups, like

"the religious." "the right/left wing," etc. It serves no other purpose than to divide us as a nation. Specific and accurate criticism of individuals, or activities is, of course, acceptable; damning major segments of the population because you disagree, is not.

I hope the Post will set the example.

BELLY DANCER

Sir. - Someomes one gets the impression we are living in Chelm. Two quotes from the article *Belly dancer sues Bassiouny for NIS1m." that appeared on the from page on December 9:

It "She said she was no longer being hired to perform." 2) 'The dancer, whose name is

DR. MOSHE DANN Jerusalem.

harred from publication..." If her identity is not known, how do people know not to hire her? If her identity is known, why is her name harred from publication?

SHOLOM J. PARNES

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

The Post also described in great detail the Kirkuk-Haifa oilfar some £10 million.

50 years ago: On December 16, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that while Britain was worried about the "three-cornered con-

UN Secretary-General. Trygve Lie. was sull appealing in vain to the five nations making up the Partition Commission to name their representatives and to do so

All British police had left the

A number of Jews and Arahs were killed and scores wounded in various incidents in Jerusalem. Haifa, Beersheba, Ksar Sava, Kfar Giladi and on the Tel Aviv-

attack on the Jewish Ben Shemen flict" developing in Palestine, the convoy in which 14 Jews were

killed and over 20 injured insisted that Arabs had opened fire without the slightest provocation. The unexpected attack gave them no time to defend themselves. An immediate withdrawal of the Arah Legion soldiers guarding Haifa Port, the oil docks and various parts of the town was demanded by Jewish authorities.

Large numbers of Arah Auxiliary Policemen were reported to have deserted their units. taking their arms and ammunition with them and joining Arah ter-

Alexander Zvielli

gainst the hackdrop of the highly embarrassing report Labout Sara Netanyahu's problematic behavior in Friday's Yediot Aharonot, few seem to have paid attention to a much more interesting media event, which occurred last Wednesday - the appearance of former prime ministers Yitzhak Shamir (82) and Shimon Peres (73) together on Nissim Mishal's weekly interview show on Channel 1.

The performance given hy the two veteran leaders, with very little intervention on Mishal's part who seemed to be enjoying himself immensely, and not without reason - was a most enlightening presentation of the traditional Herut and Mapai positions.

Shamir represented the wellknown Herut dogmatism, which combined ideals, values and determination with unbelievably rigid thinking. Peres, on the other hand. represented the classic Mapai pragmatism, which combined ideals, values and determination with extraordinary flexibility. In terms of style they were also reminiscent of their old parties.

Shamir, whose facial expression showed his total opposition and even revulsion from much of what Peres said ("I can't listen to this," he said when Peres spoke of the need for Israel to relinquish the territories and insisted that the Netanyahu government had already gone half the way in accepting this), nevertheless maintained the old Revisionist hadar (deference). Peres, on the other hand, was aggressive and condescending, and kept ioter-

The only thing the two seemed leaders of their respective parties - Binyamin Netanyahu and Ehud Barak - are unworthy

Where the two differed the

Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip are empty areas which Israel should never agree to relinquish; had Israel refrained from signing the Oslo Accords the PLO would have collapsed and Israel could have found ways to effectively deal with Hamas, and the crisis in the relations between Israel and the US should not be taken seriously.

According to Peres, Israel has

belong to a generation of Netanyahus' lifestyle and today's media is anathema

Nevertheless, one could sense a certain mutual respect between

judgement and/or weakness of character. Suddenly one looks back with a

The writer is a political scientist.

The writer a rabbi is director of the Jewish Outreach Center Re anana

65 years ago: On December 16, 1932, The Palestine Post reported a great fire in Jaffa where a lumber yard covering an area of several thousand square meters went up in flames.

carrying pipeline which was 1,200 miles long and had cost so

as quickly as possible. Tel Aviv area.

Jaffa border. Survivors of the Arab Legion

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most centered on what constitutes

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

Old-time values

reality. According to Shamir,

Shamir and Peres israelis to whom the vulgarity of both the

no choice hut to chose between a binational state and agreeing to the establishment of a Palestinian state; the weakness of the PLO back in 1993 is what coovinced it to depart from the road of terrorism in favor of that of negotiations; and the significance of the US mistrust of Israel under the leadership of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, should not be belittled

these two old warhorses, who despite diametrically opposed political styles, tempers, ideologies and weltanschauungs, managed to serve in relative harmony as partners in national unity governments from 1984 to 1990, and to make the best of the situation. which was to the liking of ceither. One might recall that in an

relations in those years, the two used to meet occasionally together with their wives - the vivacious Shulamit Shamir and the camerashy Sonia Peres - for dinner. HAD the joint interview taken place on Thursday rather than Wednesday, after the general con-

attempt to maintain courteous

tent of the Yediot story had been widely reported, the two ex-prime ministers would have no doubt been asked hy Mishal about the Sara Netanyahu affair. My guess is that the two would. have reacted very similarly, because they both belong to a generation of Israelis to whom the vulgarity of both the Netanyahus'.

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anathema. However, I would also

not be surprised if both were less

concerned with Sara's problemat-

ic behavior, than with the way her husband has chosen to deal with the issue. The problem is not in the fact that the prime minister chose to stand behind his wife and defend her. That is certainly laudable, and one assumes hoth Shamir and Peres would have acted in the same way in the unlikely event of their having found themselves in a

similar situatioo. However, there is a difference. between the country's top publicfigure standing behind his problematic wife oo the one hand, and oo the other giving in to her whims and dreams of grandeur at the public's expense and covering up for her whenever she loses control. Any way one looks at it, Netanyahu's cooduct vis-a-vis his wife, demonstrates poor

modicum of nostalgia at both Shamir and Peres, despite all their shortcomings and foibles

Every house has a story

Now is the time for Polish Jews and their descendants to reclaim family property in Poland. Real estate prices are rising, and unclaimed property will eventually be expropriated, Aryeh Dean Cohen reports

eal estate in Poland is booming. But developers keep confronting the same problem: unclaimed property, much of it owned by Jews. Few Jews who came from Poland, or their descendants, know that they can take legal measures to reclaim valuable property. What's more, if they do not act soon, they may miss a golden opportunity to do

According to Margalit Rosenbuch, who heads Poldoor, a Tel-Aviv based company with offices in the US that helps those interested in taking legal steps to inherit such property, many Jews have mixed up the struggle over Polish Jewry's communal assets with the situation regarding private holdings.

"Following reports regarding the negotiations on the return of the assets, most Jews, mainly those living in the Diaspora, believed that they would be able to deal with matters of private property only after the status of these assets is settled. But the truth is actually the opposite," Rosenbuch, whose firm employs Polish lawyers here in Israel and in Poland, says.

Some have opted against seeking to inherit such property in Poland for other reasons. "There are many who just gave up emotionally," says Jerusalem lawyer Uri Huppert, who also handles such matters, "In other cases, over the years, the number of potential heirs increased to so many that unless they all agreed to file a claim, no one wanted to take the whole cumbersome matter on

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Mariola Hawel-Tocker, a lawyer who represents the Polish embassy in Tel Aviv who has also handled many such cases, says that "anyone who has rights to the property can try to make a claim." A form of real estate gridlock has given the situation in Poland new impetus. With international firms increasingly anxious to exploit renewed business interests in Poland under the new marketeconomy regime, real estate is suddenly hot there, especially since the country may enter the European Union sometime soon. But real estate agents keep coming

ing the original owners. Many of the properties are registered under Jewish names. A look at the Cracow phone book from 1939 shows that many of the names were Jewish. The Polish land registry in many towns is similarly full of Jewish-owned property, whose status is waiting to be determined.

up against the same problem: find-

Polish authorities have been gradually taking steps to try to find the rightful owners by publishing advertisements seeking information about them, a step required by Polish law before property can be expropriated. When those owners many of whom perished in the Holocaust - or their heirs fail to come forward, the property is expropriated and turned over to the local municipality for sale on the open market. While there are ways of legally fighting such expropriations, generally once the expropriation process is completed, it's very

difficult to get the property back. The story of privately owned real estate in Poland reflects the political turmoil of the area. After the war, the Poles cancelled everything the Nazis did regarding land registration, leaving behind what Huppert calls "a very, very organized" registration system, which

reverted to its prewar form.

"It's amazing how Yekke-ish the Poles were in this regard," he says. They also passed a law at that time stating that any land unclaimed after 10 years would be considered abandoned, and would be confiscated by the government. The rule doesn't apply only to Jews. Thousands of Poles and Germans who owned property also disappeared or died in the war.
"At the end of the 1950s, there

were very minor expropriations," Rosenbuch says. "The law wasn't changed, but nothing much was done. This is how, in 1989-90, when the Communist regime collapsed, most of the property was still registered under the names of the original Jewish owners. Then they returned to the old, postwar law, and started expropriating." Under Communism, little pri-

vate property was confiscated, "but when the Communist regime fell, the new government started to privatize," Roseobuch explains. They moved towards a Westernstyle economy, and they had a problem. According to their statistics, about 40 percent of the real estate in Cracow and 60% in Lodz is still registered to people who have not come forward. Based on the names, many are Jews. In other words, throughout Poland there is real estate registered under the names of the Jewish owners, and no one is coming forward to make claims because they are simply unaware. People don't know it exists, that it's possible to inherit it. They think the Communists expropriated it all. Now they lump it together with community property, and sit and wait for it to be returned."

There are entire apartment blocks, particularly in the big cities, which were owned by either. one person or family, or parmers. Rosenbuch, wbo launcbed Poldoor when she acted to inherit her family's property in Poland, says that the Polish land registry contains records indicating division of ownership, purchase dates, partners' names, etc. from before

"People think that Poland is some far-off, alien place, but all the documents exist in Poland."

"The longer you neglect [making a claim for property], the less chance you have of getting anything"

she says. "In many cases, the property is registered under lewish names." She pulls out a photocopy of a land registry document indicating a property owned by a Bernard Grossman of Cracow. "Where is he?" she asks. "Where are his beirs? I can show you many more of these."

Many of the unclaimed properries are worth \$400,000-500,000. some more, some less. "All the heirs have to do is to have the Polish court issue a writ of inheritance, just as in any other country," Roseobuch says. "People think it's different because it's Poland, but it's not." Time is of the essence, according to Rosenbuch, who believes that "in a short time, everything have been running buildings for will be expropriated."

Is your family's property in Poland in danger of expropriation? There is no way of knowing, says Hawel-Toker. She denies there is any government rush to confiscate land. "There are no lists," she says in ber Tel Aviv office. "But that does not mean that there are no expropriations going on - there are." Still, she says, "it's important to do something now - the longer you neglect your affairs, the less chance you have of getting anything. Let's say a municipality decides to build a road - they won't wait for you.'

Generally, the city authorities move to expropriate a building only if it requires repairs, or if the site is needed to pave a road or put up another facility, Hawel-Toker says. "The municipality wants to get something out of the deal. But it's impossible to know ahead of time without investigating the matter thoroughly," she notes.

Hawel-Toker says that compli-

cating maners is a civil code stating anyone holding exclusive rights to a piece of property for 20 years has the right of ownership. "So let's say there were two partners, and one of them took care of matters pertaioing to the property after the war, and made all the arrangements, paid taxes, etc. That person's heirs can now come forward and say: "We deserve to have the whole property," even though they only are registered as owning a quarter of it. And I have such cases. There are Jewish families where there are very unpleasant arguments about this. It happens frequently with families where some survived, or never went back to Poland, and others did and appointed someone to take care of the property. Those arguments end up in court."

The municipalities also exploit this law for expropriations, she says, especially in cases where

have been running buildings for 20 years, and oo heir has come

Providing the necessary documents is also not always easy. Polish courts can facilitate issuing the equivalent of a death certificate for individuals who died in the Holocaust, for example, or whose whereabouts are otherwise unknown. But if someone came to Israel before the creation of the state and changed his or her name, there may be no record of the name change available here, she says. Polish courts are "very strict" in examining documents, and there have been many cases where individuals tried to pass themselves off as someone

The strictness cuts both ways. She recalls several cases in which she was able to reclaim Jewish assets which had been expropriated because the municipalities involved did make a serious enough effort to locate the heirs. At present, no compensation is available for property that was expropriated, she says, but such cases can be challenged in court, where the verdict "can go either way."

A bill on the issue is under consideration in the Polish legislature. but even if it is passed, it will have to deal with other groups besides the Jews. Nobody seems in a hurry to get it passed since the Polisb government "would simply go bankrupt" it it tried to compensate everyone, Hawel-Toker says, but Jewish groups have also vowed to fight for rights to Jewish private property for which there are no

Warsaw has its own set of property rules. Anyone who had property in the ghetto has practically no chance of getting anything back, since the area was completely destroyed and what is there now is nothing like what existed previously, Hawel-Tocker says. However, Rosenbuch says there

is still some bope. "In Warsaw, there is a reparations law which still doesn't have teeth, but there bave already been several proposals. Anyone who does not have a writ of inheritance will not be able to file a claim. There is also no

this regard.' Huppert says that a 1946 law states that only those who had property within the municipal boundaries of Warsaw in 1939 an area much smaller than today are eligible to file a claim. But Rosenbuch says that anyone who went to Warsaw after the war and took legal action can deal with their claims today.

there for the claiming, before potential heirs start thinking about redesigning the living room, they should be aware of certain pitfalls. First and foremost is the fact that just about everyone involved also has their own interests at heart. Lawyers like Rosenbuch,

Huppert and Hawel-Tocker admit they take the cases as business propositions, although all three appear to also be keenly aware of the historic importance of their work, and the cases' emotional impact on their clients.

Dozens of Israeli lawyers say they handle such claims. Some maintain you don't oeed a Polish lawyer, but others disagree, and Rosenbuch says her company uses "only top-flight Polish lawyers."

Those interested in pursuing their family's property in Poland should be careful - there is no shortage of charlatans anxious to make a quick buck off innocent Jews too emotionally involved in the matter to care whether their lawyers are actually accomplishing anything.

Hawel-Tocker knows of at least a handful of organizations or lawyers here who advertised their services and charged survivors or their heirs \$100-200 in "registra-

"Most of those people were left with only their dreams," she says. guarantee anything will happen in

recalls.

While the property is clearly

After getting short shrift from an Israeli lawyer, a man we shall call "Haim" [he asked not to be identified] and his family decided to take the matter into their own hands, "We thought that my family had some assets in Poland, which we believed had belonged to my grandfather, who was a wealthy man, and his brother," he

"We never thought about it until the Communist regime collapsed, but when that happened, somebody in the family brought the matter up, and we had some documents that we got through a local Israeli lawyer, who was a relative. He actually did nothing, and took a relatively large amount of

money. He made several trips to Poland, and gave us no report and made no progress. When Haim's relatives traveled

to Poland in search of their roots a few years ago, they enlisted the help of a local lawyer in Cracow who was able to help them reclaim several buildings. Several others had already been expropriated.

Haim, who doesn't understand why Jewish organizations have not been more active in helping Jews pursue private property claims, traveled to Poland himself four times. He says the cotire legal process to inherit the property for his family took about two years, and cost several thousand

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61. Pesel Hann

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Nussbaum Rachela

Winkenfeld Resi

Schonberg Izaak

Goldstein Regina Taufel Masza

Schenker Dawid

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92. Glejtman Sura 93. Kreisler Nina

95. Schaner Jozef

96. Klinger Liba (from Nablok) 97.Filler Matylda

98. Ban Jozef

100. Szwercenberg-

101. Berzabkowa Natalia

102 Eberstark Markus

103, Herstein Marcus

104. Herstein Natan

106, Herstein Leon 107, Herstein Natan

109, Nussbaum Rita

111. Herstein Dora

Genoweia

113. Grusza Mojzesz

114. Fridberg Perla

116. Bertel Ruchia

117. Bertel Maria

112 Lukowska

115. Fridberg Abraham

110. Herstein Rozalia

108. Gollis Ruth

105, Herstein Michal

Czernowa Irena

99. Bak Piotr

Reif Jakub

69. Bertel Maria

Elba Jozef

Haas Adolf

79. Taffer Schaja 80. Muhlstein Eva

Herman Rozalia

82 Traub Fryda

83. Etha Maurycy

85. Amser Haim

87. Gerszon Abel 88. Fridman Lidia

Property owners' list Morgenberson 60.Weikenfeld

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Jakoher Cyna Ruchla

35. Fildarman Mosze

36. Strenger Szymon

37. Pomeranz Leja

38. Giger-Wdowska

39. Swarz Helena

40. Katz Efroima

Katz Peria

Katz Izak Vog-Lfaug Sala

41 Ferens Jozef

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Feigenbaum Pinkus

Feigenbaum Sussla

Feigenbaum Chaskel

Hamer Maria z.d. Feigenbaum 46. Eneschik Chana

47. Grunberg Jozef

49. Rozensweig Izaak

Katz Dawid

Katz Mojzesz

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33.Rosenbaum

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34. Jeter Szymon

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The following partial list contains the names of individuals who have unclaimed property reg-istered in the Polish land registry. They or their heirs should contact a lawyer to try to reclaim their assets. (Supplied by Poldoor International

I. Englander Izzak Englander Rozalia (Roza) Englander Moses

Majer Englander Helena 2. Grossman Bernard Panzer Hirsh 4. Bannel Henryk

Bannel Izaak 5. Horner Salomea 6. Feiwish Ruchla Grucher Salon

8. Landau Jozef Saul 9. Mikolajewicz Israe 10. Frankel

Aleksander Pamm Jakub Pamm Ferdynand Stawsk Bronislaws 12. Rosenfeld Izaak

13. Schrager Zygmunt Sandauer Adam 14. Schrager Zygmuni 15. Silberstein Regina 16. Vogler Szymon ("Pomocnik" – He was a jewellery

17 Schenker Jozef 18. Korngot Leonora

maker. He has two

22. Kreisler Nina 23. Zelinger Laia 24. Weisman Rachela

Bergman Chaja Jachely Lachner Hermina 25. Kerner Salomon

29. Gruber Leinor

Furman Lidia

31. Fruchthendler

Gimpel

26. Kernar Asher Gingold Hirsh 28. Ritterman Goldz

50. Rozensweig Maks 51. Mincherg Sura Ruchla Jan

48. Keil Berta

Mincherg Abram 52 Kohna Malwina 53. Galazka Ruchla 54. Landau Ernest 55. Erteschik Maier

59. Haas Paulina

57. Gerner Salomea 58. Faber Stefan

Malgorzata 118, Rosenfeld Benzion

119. Hisner Mosze

How to stake a claim for property in Poland

That old piece of paper locked inside a jeneiry box for dozens of years, or a faded picture left behind by an uncle only hold the key to regaining property you or a family member may own in Poland.
Lawyer Marcia Havel-Tocker says that

sometimes documents or other things that don't seem like much, turn out to be very important" when trying to locate such property in Poland, or in the course of legal proceedings to regain assets.
Those who are fairly certain they have a

legitimate case should gather any and all decuments related to the property in question, especially title deeds and registration documents, along with any other written material pertaining to the house.

They should also gather any information related to the original owners of the property, including birth certificates, death cerofficers, or other seefal information prov-

ing family acs. It's important for clients to be able to tell me as much as possible about their family use, "she explained. They should mention property can be useful, she says.

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remember things about the bouse. Sometimes street numbers or buildings change, but the streets themselves don't. So if someone only remembers a street address, it would be a good idea to try to get them to remember what cross street was nearby, or a description of how many floors the building had, or any other information about the property.

The more information I have, the faster and easier I can work," she explained, adding that it's important to specify whether someone died in the Holocaust, because there are special court procedures for such cases.

And she warns not to throw out documents related to the property that might look unimportant. Sometimes a single number on one of those documents can be vital," she said.

Don't have any documents? Don't be discouraged. Many, if not all, of the necessary documents can be obtained in Poland, Poldoor's Margalit Rosenbuch insists. Even letters sent between family members which

ments, you should choose a lawyer carefully. There are some lawyers who handle cases directly, and other companies with representatives in Poland. There are many lawyers who claim they handle such cases in Israel, but clients should be careful with whom they do business.

Try to reach a clear contract regarding exactly what is to be done, and if possible try to set specific dates for receiving information. If you don't receive ongoing reports and documents your lawyer may be . stringing you along, wasting your time and money. Remember that since Israeli lawyers are unable to handle these matters in Poland, you'll need a Polish lawyer. So make sure the local lawyer you deal with has representation in Poland fully authorized to act in that country.

Clients should also make sure that their representative in Poland is licensed to act in the town where the house is located. Resenbuch points out. There is also no need to pay any "registration fees" in order to be included on any kind of "list," a scam that reportedly has been run in Israel before. It costs a minimum of a few hundred dol-

lars to make an initial inquiry into the status of the property, and a good deal more to complete procedures to reclaim it. The amount depends on the value of the property, the complexity of the case, and on your agreement with your lawyer. Above all, be patient. Some cases can take few years to complete, some less.

The following firms provided information for this story and deal with legal matters relating to private property in Poland:

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None of our business

Homefront

'm as interested in the going to be competition for our details of the private lives of the rich and famous as the next person. As a regular reader of gossip columns and People magazine, I don't have a problem with this brand of to interfere with these internal journalism. Furthermore, as a

citizen of Israel, I believe that if the First Couple's perspending habits are supported hy the public till, it's a public matter. We have a right to know, for example, who pays for Sara's secrehairdresser.

taries, her car and driver, and her But, despite my Allison K. Sommer firm belief in accountability, free speech and good gossip, I still found myself profoundly uncomfortable with the now

famous nine-page exposé in Yediot Aharonot. Defending Sara Netanyahu doesn't come naturally to me. It's simply not something I ever thought I'd find myself doing - and not just because I don't share this particular woman's taste in clothes or high stan-

dards

cleanliness.

But what

bothered me

about the

Yediot arti-

cle was not

its laundry

list of Sara

Netanyahu's

transgres-

sions, but its

grand self-

justification.

What the journalists are saying is that collecting dirt about Mrs. Netanyahu is a holy mission

The piece didn't merely recount well-worn tales of Sara's escapades, it declared bow truly important these juicy bits are. The newspaper lectured to us at the beginning of the article that we should be vitally concerned about Sara Netanyahu's personality quirks because "her outbursts, attacks, and bizarre behavior create an unstable atmosphere around a man whose every

on our lives." In essence, what the journalists who wrote the piece are saving is that collecting dirt about Mrs. Netanyahu is a holy missioo, because, in their expert opinion, this nutty woman is preventing her husband from doing a good job. We should care about her behavior, they malotaio, because the dynamics of the Netanyahu marriage are a matter of national security.

decisioo bas a dramatic effect

Balooey. The real reason Sara Netanyahu creates a public huzz, just as Hillary Clinton, Nancy Reagan and even Paula Ben-Gurion did before her, is because we ciozens of a democrace country do not like to see anyone wielding power over the persoo - whether president or prime minister - who has power over us. That is why we are most comfortable with wives of leaders, who appear (at least publicly) to be selfeffacing and accommodate their husband's every demand, wives like Sonia Peres or Barbara Bush.

But we have to face the fact that the very definition of marriage is power-sharing. Sharing one's life is sharing power. If we want completely independent leaders, we should elect only single men or women to lead us.

But if we prefer married people, with obligations to a spouse and a family, we have to accept the fact that there is

leader's time and energy, and that their spouses will, to a greater or lesser degree, influence them. Few people, least of all, journalists, can presume dynamics, unless, perhaps, it

becomes clear that the prime minister's spouse whispering. 'Go to war with Syria" in his ear he sleeps. Whether or not

Sara Netanyahu's behavior towards her husband and his staff in the Yediot article is "hizarre" "unstable" purely subjective.

Some of what is described as "bizarre" seems understandable: the "irrational jealousy" towards Bibi's female colleagues described in the article, for example, doesn't seem so irrational when one takes into consideration Netanyahu's wellpublicized infidelity.

And many of Sara's outhursts seem to stem from her attempts to carve out islands of family life for her two young sons in the stormy seas

reported obsession with clean

shoes and well-packed suitcas-

es is a symptom of a deep psy-

chosis. Does that mean that her

husband can't function as an

A look back through history

shows that a stable spouse was

never a job requirement for out-

standing leaders. In US history,

the most memorable example

was Mary Todd Lincoln, a

woman who was a terrible

spendthrift during her hus-

band's term in office, who was

unstable, so emotionally dis-

turbed that she ended up being

institutionalized later in life.

Somehow, despite the pressures

at home, Lincoln managed to

hold the situation together well

enough to guide his country through the Civil War, a period

of history arguably as bloody,

stormy, difficult, traumatic and

threatening to the US as the

Middle East is today. Similarly,

I'm sure there have been plenty

of corrupt and irresponsible

leaders whose wives were

an unbearable marriage. Perhaps our prime minister is

henpecked and harassed, and

only stays married to Sara out

of political considerations. Or

perhaps he receives a degree of

loyalty and nurturing from this

woman at omes when it seems

as if the whole world - the

international community, the

opposition, and even his own

party and ministers - seem to

Maybe, maybe not. The hard

truth is that only the two peo-

ple inside this marriage know

the answer for sure. And you know what? Speaking both as

a journalist and a citizen of the

State of Israel, I truly believe

that the solution to this riddle

is none of my husiness.

want to see him fall.

Few of us would remain in

absolute saints.

effective prime minister?

of her hushaod's schedule. Even if she competes for her husband's atteotion in a thoroughly unattractive manner. her reasons seem to me to be far

"I've done volunteer work visiting nursing homes since high from irraschool and I enjoyed it," said Sugimura, who starts her new job in April. "For Japan, this work is But let's suppose for a momeot, that Sara Netanyahu is, in fact, certifiable - that her

going to expand." The company training her, Benesse Corp., is banking on that.

A publisher specializing in correspondence courses, Benesse is one of a growing number of cor-porations branching into the elderlanded a job in a sparkling new care business.

The company has trained 2,500 people in a four-year-old "home helper" course, and the number of graduates this year is expected to double. The company also runs its own home helper service for people caring for elderly relatives at

At a recent session at the company's offices in western Tokyo. about 45 students - half of them training to take care of their own aging pareots - sconped spoonfuls of rice and fish into each other's mouths and gingerly hrushed each other's teeth as Chopin played in the hackground.

"Years ago, there was no con-cept of this as a service industry," said instructor Hiroe Nagao, a nurse. "But oow regular businesses like Benesse are entering the

Encouraging companies to get into the elderly business is part of a government plan for a huge increase - in some cases doubling - in services and facilities for the over-65 population by 1999. Further increases are expected to

One way the government expects this to work without bankrupting its budget is shifting the costs to the consumer. Officials say the social welfare system set up in the 1950s should be updated to reflect the current older generation's greater wealth.

"Some of them still get paid or have assets that they can use to live out the rest of their lives," said Naoki Miyamoto, an official in the policy planning division of the Health and Welfare Ministry.

The process has already begun. Health care for the elderly used to be free, but beginning in 1984 the elderly had to pay 10 percent of their bealth costs. That was recently raised to 20 percent. So far, the



Simulating old age: Students in a 'home helper' course have lunch blindfolded during a class in Tokyo. Half of the students are training to take care of their own aging parents.

widespread public opposition. Another major factor the Japanese are counting on to smonth the transition is people like Kiyoko Hashimoto. She's training at Benesse not for a job.

but for what she figures is her fate:

A geriatric Japan learns to cope

taking care of aging relatives. My parents are getting old, and in the spring my father got sick," said Hashimoto, 41, whose father is in his early 70s - and whose grandfather is 102. "That's when I thought that maybe in the funne, it would be helpful for me to learn about oursing." Japan has few oursing homes, and most people assume their children will care for them when they get old. More than 50 percent of the elderly live with their middle-age children or other relatives, and most of those who live oo their own are under an hour's drive from their children,

are unrealistic in expecting fami-. lies will assume the growing burden of caring for Japan's older The government still thinks

that co-residence is Japan's latent asset, hot it's not true," said Nachiro Ogawa, an expert on aging at Nihon University.

Family structure sets Japan apart from the West, but the generational gaps in terms of values are quite serious." At the core of the debate are

Japan's primary care-givers: women. Housewives are typically. expected to raise children with minimal help from anyone else, then spend their middle age taking care of their busbands' parents.

But women are increasingly turning to careers, resulting in the decreasing fertility rate that has helped speed the aging of Japan. Women average only 1.42 chil-

dren, down from a high of 5 m the

Critics like Ogawa say such trends make it increasingly unlikely that families will be able - or willing - to take up the additional burdens of the elderly population. Many Japanese, however, still take for granted that they will have to tend to their older relatives.

Hashimoto said that with her parents living hours away in disant Aomori in northern Japan, she and her siblings will have to rotate shifts living in with her parents if they get sick.

But even in Hashimoto's family, generational shifts are evident. She doesn't expect the same care from her own four kids.

'All my children are independent in a kind of selfish way," she said. "If they want to do it, that's fine, but it's not like they should have to or should be forced." (AP)

Time for alarm bells, not wedding bells

Bot some say government plans

ear Ruthie. After living together for four years, my boyfriend and I became engaged to be married. We were very happy about the decision. All of our friends and family were very supportive. Straight away, he bought me a dlamond ring, and we began preparing for the event, which we scheduled for three months hence,

By JOSEPH COLEMAN

hizue Sugimura is training

The college senior, who just

nursing home, spent a recent after-

noon learning how to spoonfeed

rice to the bedriddeo, give them sips of tea and brush their teeth.

"This society is aging faster than any other country in the world, so

there is quite a lot of demand for

this type of industry," said

With the world's longest average lifespans and one of its lowest

hirthrates, Japan is expected to

displace Sweden by 2005 as home to the planet's oldest population.

The trend is already straining

pension and health care systems,

and Japan's economy will increas-

ingly feel the pinch of caring for

more elderly with fewer workers.

The aging process has also brought the Japanese face to face

with some thorny social questions, such as the clash between

women's work and family roles

and the changing obligations of

children to their aging parents. To many, the changes signal a risky

People older than 65 already

make up 15 percent of the popula-

tion and the rado is expected to hit

20 perceot hy 2005 and 33 percent

by 2050. They are living longer, too - females horn in 1996 are

projected to live an average of

more than 86 years and the males

are expected to average just over

"In the early 21st century, the extent of Japan's full-blown elder-

ly society will be something that

no other country in the world has ever experienced," the govern-

But for Sugimura and others like

her, aging Japan means opportuni-

ment said in a report this year.

80, both world highs.

venture into uncharted waters.

the future: the elderly.

for Japan's mega-industry of

requested to order invitations and plan a guest list. My problem is that with each passing day since our official engagement, our relations have become increasingly strained. We did discuss the situation and concluded that it's the result of

to give our parents the time they

prewedding jitters. Talking about the problem helped me somewhat, but I am not sure how much it helped my fiancé. For, not long after, he became impotent.

I do not know whether to suggest that he go to a doctor, since I am mability on his part afraid to hurt him - particularly to listen to anything now, when we haven't been getting along so well. Nor do I know whether this is a problem I should consider before

actually marrying him. Naturally, I haven't discussed this with anyone. What do you think? At a Loss Over Lover's Libido Somewhere in England

Dear Lihido-Lost, This is definitely a problem you should consider before marrying. And not merely because of your

In the first place, the fact that you are hesitant about discussing it with him - the man with whom you've shared a bed for four years, and the one with whom you intend to spend the rest of your life bodes ill. Your fear of hurting his

physical needs.

feelings indicates that you sense an you might have to ay on the subject.

Secondly, though prenuptial jitters usually constitute an integral part of wedpreparations. you describe sounds more like a symptom of genuine trouble. Assuming

your boyfriend's sudden impotence is not the result of a physical illness or physiological. impairment, it should set off alarm bells, rather than wedding bells. Impotence is one example of the way in which the human body gives outward expression to inter-

nal strife. In this man's case, the fear of

making a final commit-Dear Ruthie ment may be so "potent";

Ruthie Blum

as to render his gender temporarily out of order. The fact that you mention how supportive all your friends and family

have been indicates that somehow related to expectations from others. The immediate purchase of a diamond ring - an external symbol of the commitment - may have had something to do with

What both you and your fiance must first examine is whether fear of commitment is at the root of his temporary problem; then you must find out whether it is a general panic, or specifically related to his

relations with you. This requires a joint effort, just

the way that making a decision to get married did.

So diffidult wask is this, how-ever, that it is antikely to be undertaken and completed in the short time before your wedding without professional help. Failure to address the situation now -before the engagement was proceeding with the festivities can only postpone the task at hand, not make it go away. For, even if the physical aspect corrects itself in the near future, the underlying issues will not simply disap-

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"My advice is that if you think you have some property, take action as quickly as possible. Time is against us," he says. Rising property values mean rising inhertance and other taxes, he says, hut overall, "I can't complain. I think it was fair."

Those opting to hire Polish lawyers in Poland should be very careful, too. Supervision of the legal profession is somewhat lax, and so-called "legal assistants" advertising throughout Poland often are not authorized to take the type of action required in such cases, Hawel-Toker says.

The experience of pursuing the claim in Poland often yields far more than just buildings. Haim's trip gave him and his family a chance to reconnect with their past, he says, and "it was as if God was directing me to things. I met people who knew my grandfather, who was a very generous man. 1

found out that he had supported an orphanage, and we met some of the people who grew up in it. One man said to me that he was happy to see that a relative had survived. When another told me that my grandfather was a holy man, I

Hawel-Toker recalls one client who came to Poland with his son to pursue a claim on a bouse in Kalisz. "He remembered the address and went to see the house, and when he got there asked the residents if he could see the apartment where he grew up. Then he asked me if he could go up to the

"He went up alone and remembered the place where he and his father, two days before the start of the war, hid money and securities in a newspaper. He came down to me with the newspaper, which was in Yiddish. The money and the securities are worthless now, but they remained exactly as they had been 50 years ago. It was very moving. Every house has its

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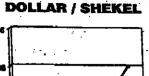
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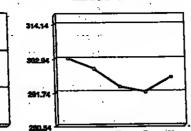
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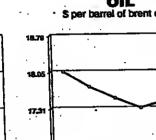
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Credit Suisse praises Israeli liberalization

The private banking arm of Credit Suisse expressed its satisfaction yesterday with the steps that the Israeli authorities have taken to liberalize financial markets. In a statement, the bank said that it "has been impressed by

the decisiveness with which the Israeli government and the Bank of Israel have poshed ahead with their reforms." The bank said that the free convertibility of the shekel and the

removal of barriers to capital exports will give Israeli investors Dan Gerstenfeld free access to the international markets.

Treasury produces first-ever markets' report

The supervisor of capital markets and insurance in the Finance Ministry published yesterday for the first time an extensive annual report for 1996. The paper covers in depth the capital market, government capital raising, insurance, pension funds, mutual funds and saving plans.

The report also will be available at the ministry's Internet site and from now on will be published annually. Dan Gerstenfeld

OECD predicts lower world growth on back of Far East crisis

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development expects tumbling currencies and rising interest rates in Asia to dampen growth in the world's most industrialized countries both this year and next, and to reduce inflation in 1998.

Growth throughout the OECD's members - 29 of the world's largest free-market economies - is expected to be 2.5 percent io 1998, the OECD's chief economist, Ignazio Visco, said yesterday as he presented the organization's semi-annual economic out-

That's down from the 2.9% it was expecting before Asia's financial turmoul spread to Korea.

Depending on the effect of reduced trade caused by slowing economies in Asia, the OECD said, its members' growth could decline to as low as 1.7% in 1998. That worst case can probably be avoided, because European and US authorities are likely to compensate by slowing down planned increases in interest rates, Visco

There are various ways of



compensation, such as easier monetary conditions," Visco said. For the US in particular, which has been the fastest- growing major economy in the world, the Asia crisis may help growth slow down to a more sustainable pace.

This might call for some postponement of any interest rate increases envisaged before the Asian crisis came up," Visco said. The effect on growth will be most acutely felt in Japan and other Pacific Rim countries. Without any specific fiscal or monetary policies intended to balance lower exports, Japan's economy could shrink 0.1% in 1997, instead of growing 0.5%. In 1998, growth could be restrained to

0.3% from 1.7%. The OECD's Pacific members are Japan, Australia, South Korea and New Zealand.

Visco said Japan's government should consider slowing its policy of cutting its budget deficit, and should offer a permanent tax cut. The effect forecast for Europe is smaller, with Visco saying growth throughout the European Union being 2.6 or 2.7%, instead of the 2.8% the OECD is predicting before the Asian financial turmoil spread to Korea.

The trade effects on Europe just aren't that big," Visco said. They could still be chough to jeopardize some countries' efforts to cut their deficits enough to qualify for the European Union's single currency. Many European countries, particularly France, are counting on accelerating growth to get their deficits down to 3% of gross domestic product, the level required to join the economic and monetary union.

The OECD's outlook was written hased on events up to early November and iocluded the impact of tumbling currencies and financial problems in Thailand

November CPI plunges 0.3%

Economist Ben-Shahar: Inflation may drop to 5% by next year

By DAVID HARRIS

Inflation this year is heading for eight percent, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, following yesterday's publication of the November coosumer price index, which registered a fall of

Within that figure the bousing index fell 1.5% and the cost of fruit and vegetables by 3.2%. Economists had predicted the

CPI would show an increase of 0.3% - 0.5%. The actual figure was the lowest since May 1992, but the hureau last night warned against being overly optimistic. This is only one month and should not be taken in isolation," said hurean spokesman David

October's CPI increased 1.2% and economists say the two must be seen together. The average for the last two months was close to 0.5%.

The key cootributors in both mooths were the housing and fruit and vegetable indexes. Economist Haim Ben-Shahar pointed out that without these two indicators the October and November CPIs would have been far less volatile. and he called for a new method of calculating these indexes.

The housing index is already

being reviewed by the hureau but Ben-Shahar is calling for the fruit and vegetable index to be based on a 12-month cycle rather than the existing month-by-month for-

Ben-Shahar predicted that 1998 inflation could well fall between 4% and 5% if the correct government policies are followed. This means keeping to tight fiscal policy and not allowing public sec-

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Israeli public must change its attitude

toward inflation if it wants Israel to become a full member, in the club of industrialized countries, US Ondersecretary of State for Economic Affairs

Smart Element said yesterday.

Sin order for that to happen, it is important that inflationary psychology change. Knowing that is real had said percent, 900% inflation in the mid-

'80s, many people here are too satisfied with hav-ing 10% or 11% inflation. That's not acceptable,

and in the end that will retaid growth and devel-opment. So, what really needs to happen here is a change in inflamonary psychology." Eizenstat told.

Israel Radio.

He said that the government should run a public

tor wage agreements to deliver real increases. This, accompanied by ongoing unemployment will in all probability lead to low inflation.

Ben-Shahar is basing this analysis on the events of 1991-92. In 1991, economic conditions were similar to today and ioflation ended the year at 18%, but policy changes brought 1992 inflation down to 9.4%. Ben-Shahar added

Eizenstat: Change inflation psyche

unacceptable.

remained well below the 1991

The housing index decline was the result of a 1.7% decline in the cost of buying an apartment, while reof went down 0.1%.

campaign to lower inflation expectations in a way

that a double-digit annual inflation number would be

Eizenstat met yesterday with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel. Developments in the

Israeli economy were discussed. Further talks will be held today, when the Joint Economic Development Group holds its semi-animal meeting. Eizenstat heads the American delegation, which

includes senior economists, experts from the eco-

nomic division of the State Department, and rep-

resentatives of the US Embassy.

The group will receive a review of macro-economic policy, the budget, structural changes, tax policy, monetary policy, and privatization. It will also hold a special discussion on structural changes.

and the increase in competition.

Fruits and vegetables dropped in price by an average 3.2% because of seasonal factors, according to the hureau. Principal changes included an 8% decline in fresh

that since then, inflation has vegetables, and with fresh fruit down 15%. These were offset to some extent by a 1.3% rise in its the prices of frozen vegetables.

Education, culture and entertainment costs fell 0.3% last month, with a similar drop to the transport and communications index.

Otherwise, there were increases in the costs of clothing and footwear (5.4%), foods other than fruits and vegetables (0.2%), health care (0.2%) and household essential items (0.5%).

The Manufacturers Association issued a statement last night suggesting the current volatility in the CPI, coupled with the likely inflation rate for 1997, point to a central bank monetary policy that does oot work.

One of the major factors in inflationary economies - wage increases - will be the subject of the first discussion between the Treasury and Histadrut this afternoon in the new round of wage negotiations. Treasury wage director Yossi Kucik and Shlomo Shani, head of the Histadrut trade union section, are to attempt to reach a settlement for the oext two years.

The government said it is deter-

mined oot to offer real wage rises, but to set a maximum increase io line with the CPI.

Job



Donor nations pledge \$750m. for Palestinian Authority projects

By JOSEPH SCHUMAN

PARIS (AP) - Donor countries have committed to \$750 million in grants and loans for development projects in the West Bank and Gaza strip, with another \$150m. in private investment guarantees.

That will likely translate ioto about \$500-600m. actually disbursed in 1998, according to the World Bank, which hosted the donor's annual meeting.

The donors also said they would continue to support Palestinian development beyond the current, five-year plan, due to end next year. During the two-day conference, the Israeli delegation committed Israel to supporting the US expert: Israeli companies

By DAVID HARRIS

Israel is losing out on poteotial

tourists because the tourism

industry does not understand the

real requirements of overseas vis-

itors, competition expert Michael

Fairbanks of the US-based

Speaking at the launch of the Ceoter for Middle East

Competitive Strategy's regional

tourism cluster project, Fairbanks

was attacked by leading industry

professionals in the audieoce who

claimed they do know what the

customer wants and the decline in

tourism here is the fault of the

Fairbanks suggested that

Israel's tourism marketing is fail-

ing. In 1996 the government

spent more than any other per

capita on marketing, with a total

"Don't look at the demograph-

ics, look at the best customers for

you," urged Fairbanks, who sug-

gested the best approach is to cre-

slowing peace process.

budget of \$35 million.

Monitor Company said recently.

Palestinian development process. That includes oew efforts to give Palestinian workers unlimited access to workplaces in

The oew commitments come as the Palestinians near the end of a 1993-1998 development plan for which donors pledged \$3.6b. and delivered about \$1.8b. to different

projects.
The dooor countries want the Palestinian Authority to install a stronger legal framework within its territory and greater government transparency, World Bank officials said

The PA wants funds to carry out about 20 projects in the three-year plan for the West

do not understand tourists' needs

ate a high-quality, expeosive product, which will attract the

higgest-spending tourists. "We

talk about oumbers of tourists too

much and oot about the quality of

Israel's main marketing strate-

gy – understanding the demo-graphics of visitors – is the least advanced way of reading the mar-

ket, Fairbanks added. A more

advanced stage is a survey about

product segmentation, but the top

priority must be understanding

the preferences io a tourist's

The ceoter issued a list of rec-

Establishing a forum for strat-

egy management including gov-

ernmeot officials and representa-

tives of the public and private

that attract tourists spending \$200

Seeking new tourism options

• Testing the oceds of tourists

ommendations for the improve-

ment of the industry in Israel:

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keting and increasing coordina-

bolster a bousing plan, \$15m. to help establish a judicial system, \$1.4m. io technical assistance to banks and \$44m, for schools and hos-

Also among the infrastructure projects for water systems and roads was a Palestinian tourism company's bid to build a hotel in Bethlehem, an undertaking that already has nearly 75% of its funding but needs an additional \$10m.

Among nations participating in the conference were Israel, the US, European Union nations, Japan and Saudi Arabia. The latter four were the biggest donors from the previous

development plan.

Tourism Ministry Director-General David Litvak said many

of the recommendations are

The ceoter was established with

financial backing from the Dutch

government to encourage greater

economic cooperation between

Israel and its neighbors. The

tourism cluster is one of four

established to ensure a joint

regional approach to the industry.

The others have been set up in the

chemicals, textiles and multime-

worth examining.

seeking up 1.2% in Nov. By DAVID HARRIS The number of jobseekers

increased a seasonally adjusted 1.2 percent in November, to a total of 151,600, compared to 149,800 in October, according to figures published yesterday Employment Service.

The number of towns with unemployment higher than 10% increased to 15 last month, six more than in October. The highest jobless totals were registered in Ofakim (14.3%), Kuseifa (14.3%), Sderot (13.2%), Kiryat Gat (12.8%), Yeroham (12.7%), and Kiryat Malachi (12.3%).

The social explosion that we feared and warned about is rapidly approaching," Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai said.

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz said be will lead an unwavering battle against jobs being eliminated. He called on the the prime minister to establish an emergency fund with 1% of the hudget, or NIS 1 billion, that would be earmarked to fight unemployment and spoke out against the importation of foreign

A group of ministers, including Yishai, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, is currently preparing documentation on unemployment, industry, and the currency exchange rate for consideration by the cabinet.

In the third quarter, unemployment jumped to 8.1%, the Central Bureau of Statistics receotly revealed. There was a 0.1% increase in the number of new immigrant jobseekers last month to 11,000. At the same time, there was a 0.8% reduction in the proportion of female jobseekers - down to 52.5% of the total.

The percentage of under 35s registered as jobseekers rose from 44.2% to 44.3% during November. . Tomorrow, MK Yehuda Harel (Third Way) will introduce legislation aimed at fighting poverty.

Party workers say they have already ensured the program will receive a majority. The plan will include:

· The declaration of a national war on poverty throughout the next

decade: · The creation of a national authority for the fight against

· Aid to ensure the completion of school and professional education; · Special training programs for

the religious and Arab communi-

The aims of the program are to increase the oumber of school pupils passing matriculation exams to 80%; to increase the number 25-44 year olds with more than 13 years of education from 42% to 60%; and to reduce the gaps between the Jewish and Arab communities. The total cost of the project is estimated at NIS 18 billion

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What goes up

After years of vigorous growth fueled by mass immigration the property market will have lost in 1997 up to 15% of its value

By DAN GERSTENFELD

itting in his office on one of Jerusalem's sprawling Gival → Beit-Ha Kerem construction sites, marketing director Avi T. has very little to do. "I called my boss last week and asked him if he had a way to keep me busy; I feel bad sitting all day doing nothing," he confided.

Avi is not alone. The economic slowdown is clearly impacting the property sector, where declining demand over the past 12 months has resulted in depressed activity and falling prices.

The market is at a standstill," Avi sighs. "Two years ago things were much easier. Today every deal is complicated. The buyer compares the different companies and tries to milk another discount. People come in, ask for informauon and never come back."

Surely, the bored sales manager may be exaggerating when saying that in his three decades in the property business be has never seen a slow down as severe as the current one. Building, like most industries, is affected by cyclical changes. However, considering that the current slowdown is intertwined with the ebbing of this decade's mass immigration, the situation unfolding might indeed be more than just another cyclical

When real-estate expert Peter Linneman of the Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania predicted two years ago a drop of 15% to 30% in residential property prices "within two years," he was attacked from all corners of the local property sector. "That American," said a host of contractors, realtors and investors, lacks "an understanding" of the Israeli market's unique

For his part, Linneman noted that he had encountered identical reactions in other countries, from the UK to Japan, where he bad predicted property crashes a year or two prior to their occurrences. Since then, Linneman has clear-

ly been vindicated. The question now is only to what extent. Industry sources estimate that ing the first nine months of the housing prices, in most regions, year sales of new apartments, by Houses which had previously

have so far fallen by 5 to 15 percent, in real terms during the last 12 months. Where the market will now proceed is, of course, the million-dollar-question.

Although some contractors are postponing planned projects and others are even returning plots to the Israel Land Authority, the number of those who actually face financial extinction remains low.

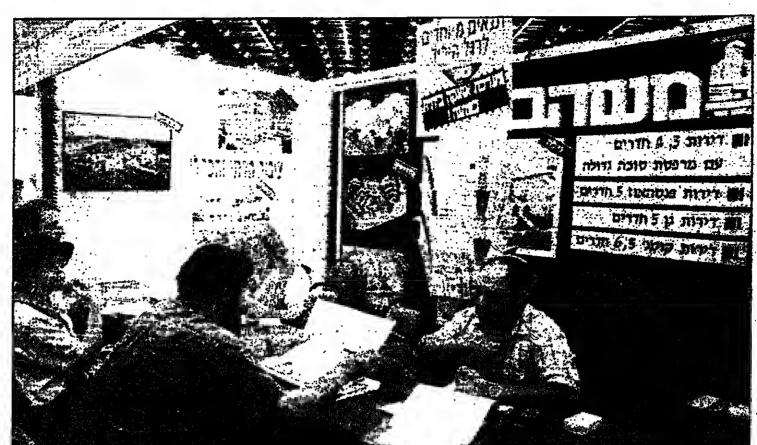
To make the picture even more confusing the Central Bureau of Statistics' housing prices' indicator has proven this year its unreliability, indicating an appreciation where prices have clearly con-

The CBS itself admits it has a problem with the calculations and established seven months ago a special committee to revise an index which should become a major means for assessing the state of the property market. In an interim report the committee recommended that the measurement will be based in the future on rent prices rather than on sales of new and second-hand apartments, as is

A POSSIBLE explanation for the housing index's unreliability is that prices of new apartments can be misleading. When pressed hy falling demand, contractors offer bonuses, such as an extra parking spot or a storage room, for no additional payment. "Contractors feel uncomfortable selling for \$190,000 an apartment they would have sold for \$200,000 a year ago," Avi T. said.

In addition to that, entrepreneurs don't want to give discounts lest they be confronted by clients who previously purchased apartments in the same huilding at higher prices. Finally, the costs of offering a more expensive kitchen or a higher building standard are relatively low for the entrepreneur,

Some experts think that the market's behavior this year was merely a long-overdue price adjustment, pushing prices back to an economically justified level from the unrealistic peaks of late 1995. Figures published by the Housing Ministry show that dur-



Just looking? Apartment shopping during a recent housing fair in Jerusalem.

the 10 largest construction companies, fell by 12% compared with the equivalent period in 1996.

"I don't know if we can say that the market is frozen, but it is clear that activity is at a lower level than where it was a year-and-a-half ago, and that prices are falling," said Meir Nachson CEO of Anglo-Saxon Real Estate Agency.

During the first half of 1996 some 70,000 houses - both new and second-hand - changed hands, while the second half saw a mere 55,000 such transactions. Nachson estimates that in the whole of 1997 some 105,000 to 110,000 apartments will have been sold.

Within the market's various sectors, the sharpest fall was felt in the most luxurious apartments.

*Bigger and more expensive houses were hit worse than others.

been sold for \$2 to \$2.5 million, lost almost 20% of their market value. The decline was mainly felt across the coastal plane where prices fell 20-30%, according to

Nachson. The only major city in which luxury-apartment prices were not severely hit is Jerusalem, which continues to attract overseas investors. However, foreigners who buy in the capital often do so for ideological reasons, which have little to do with the market's actual condition.

Meanwhile, some of the nonideological foreign investors have apparently lost some of their previous enthusiasm, in the wake of political developments they may have failed to forecast.

At the same time, the sharp rise in housing prices earlier this decade made prices less attractive for those who could get higher. returns elsewhere in the global vil-

While the most luxurious houses were the first to decline, prices of two-bedroom apartments remained almost unchanged. reflecting a much more solid demand on the part of a far broader, and better-rooted, social layer. "Young couples and new immigrants are the main huyers of these apartments," said Nachson, who says that in this corner of the market prices rose in some areas even during this relatively depressed

Three-bedroom apartments depreciated particularly in the towns south of Tel Aviv, including Rishon Lezion, Rehovot, Ness Ziona and Ashdod.

Upscale, non-luxury apartments of four to five bedrooms, also depreciated, with Ramat Aviv flats losing 10% of their average market value during the last year.

The capital and its surroundings were less affected by the slowdown in the housing industry, according to Nachson. Jerusalem there is always a shortage of apartments," he said, adding that prices not only in the thick of the capital, but even as far from it as Beit Shemesh, remained

IT IS universally agreed that the main cause for the current slow down is the decline in the postcommunist immigration which flooded Israel at the onset of the

The annual number of new immigrants, which has been steadily falling since its peak of 185,000 in 1990 and 147,800 in

1991, is expected to amount to about 55,000-58,000 in 1997, versus 70,600 in 1996. Most of those who came with the first big waves have already found housing.

Besides shouldering these historic circumstances, the housing market is also being pinched by the more mundane economic cycles, which currently mean in Israel a slow-down, after half a decade of vigorous growth.

All over the world, real estate prices tend to rise following an improvement in the standard of living. Conversely, in times of economic uncertainty people take less financial risks, like loans and mortgages.

Contractors complain that the government's failure to increase subsidies for young couples' mortgages over the past three years has also contributed to the market's weakness. With an average subsidized mortgage of NIS 70,000 young couples can't make the kind of financial commitments which would jump-start the housing market, they claim.

Even so, a senior Bank Lenmi official familiar with the realestate sector believes that mortgages will remain unchanged in the next year. "The government will decide to update the mortgages only if there will be elections next year," he predicted.

The main question, naturally, is how long the current crisis will last. The general estimate is that if overall growth accelerates in the second half of 1998, consequently generating renewed demand, higher property prices will result.

Another factor that may lead to rising pri: ** is a possible shortage. Nachson estimates that the market currently needs some 45,000 new apartments a year. The official forecast for this year is 44,000 to 45,000 housing starts, and if the number declines next year it will eventually result in declining supply and rising prices.

This is the time to buy an apartment," suggests Avi T. "It's a real buyers' market. Those who look for an apartment and don't buy now are making a mistake; from where we have arrived prices can only rise."

Time will tell:

Israel's new flavor of the month

By JESSICA STEINBERG

Tothing conjures up memories of childhood more than a hot summer day. For those of you who grew up on Baskin Rohhins, life in Israel, in the absence of Rocky Road. Mint Chocolate Chip and Jamocha Almond Fudge, must be a painful experience.

Well, pine no more. Steven Esses, the Israeli licensee for Dunkin' Donuts, recently signed an agreement with Allied Domecq, the owner of the largest ice cream retailer in the world, Baskin Rohbins, to open up three flagship stores. Esses, who created a local gastronomic sensation with Dunkin' Donuts, now dreams of leveraging his pre-existing stores by offering two powerful caloric punches in one shop.
"My idea was one, maybe two

flagship stores and then a series of Dunkin' Donuts-Baskin Robbins combo shops," says Esses over coffee at his Dunkin' Donuts location in the Jerusalem mall. "I knew that Ben & Jerry's, Haagen Dazs and Blue Moon shops don't make money."

Esses says there are about 100 Baskin Rohhins-Dunkin' Donuts combo shops worldwide, including one Sbarro pizza-Baskin Robbins-Dunkin' Donuts combo in London.

Despite Allied Domecq's original opposition to the two-for-one idea. Esses melted the company down, citing the higher rents and labor costs that stand-alone shops entail. "It's a pretty crowded ice cream market around here," says



Local sellers face a tough challenge as Baskin Robbins, the world's largest ice cream retailer, sets up shop in Israel.

Esses. "And ice cream is an fee coolers. expensive product."

Esses plans to focus on the

"Ice cream is an impulse purchase," says Esses. "And people chain's specialties, such as its have brand loyalty. So if you're in ready-made ice cream cakes and a combo shop, you could buy a special line of drinks, which doughnut while your friend gets includes fruit smoothies and cof- an ice cream cone."

He also plans to offer specials at the combo stores, such as huy two Jerry's and Haagen Dazs's busidozen doughnuts and receive a ness in Israel is family packaging free ice cream cone. Or seasonal the pint-size ice cream containers promotions, including selling family-size containers to supermarkets several times a year - during American Food month or before the school summer break.

Esses figures start-up costs will lotal \$1 million, which includes establishing infrastructure, importing the ice cream, cones, sprinkles and paper goods from the koshercertified Baskin Robbins plant in Canada and running a simple advertising campaign.
While Allied Domecq, which

recorded revenue of \$10 million in 1996, provides US franchises alone with \$45 million for television advertising campaigns, and company representatives are there when you open your doors." Esses says international outlets are more independent.

"When you run an international franchise in a foreign country, you have a certain amount of independence and you can be a little different," says Esses of his Allied Domecq franchise agreement.

Baskin Rohhins might bave the hig name and tasty flavors to help Esses make his dreams come true. hut the competition from the hig-name players promises to be stiff. Ice cream is a popular impulse buy in Israel, hut stand-alone ice cream shops haven't been overly successful.

The Israel franchisee of Vermont-hased Ben & Jerry's has 12 Israeli scoop shops - down from 14; Haagen Dazs has 6 local outlets; and Strauss operates 15 Blue Moon ice cream stores.

A large part of both Ben & sold in supermarkets and comer market freezers thronghout the

On the flavor front, the competition will also be tight. Known for its 31 flavors, Baskin Rohbins prides itself on a bank of 600 premium flavors, which includes taste sensations such as Green Tea in Southeast Asia and the number one worldwide favorite, Pralines and Cream. Ben & Jerry's has 35 flavors, and Haagen Dazs offers

Only Ben & Jerry's, with its local manufacturing plant, makes flavors specifically for the Israeli market. A popular favorite here is Pesek Zman, a vanilla-based ice cream with pieces of Pesek Zman chocolate bar. Ben & Jerry's also produces special flavors, such as Milk and Honey during Rosh Hashana and Matza Crunch at Passover.

Esses's partners in Baskin Rohhins will prohably be the same investors from the Dunkin' Donuts franchise, Hillel Weinherger, Phil Rosen, Barry Eisenberg and Hillel Frishman. who owns ten Dunkin' Donuts outlets in the US.

"A franchise is only as good as the parent company," says Esses, commenting that Allied Domecq does a good job in some areas and is weaker in others.

Esses is currently negotiating with another American food franchise, not associated with Allied Domecq, for entry into the Israeli market.

BITS & BYTES

WITH JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Laser Industries receives FDA clearance: Laser Industries Ltd. of Tel Aviv recently announced that it received marketing clearance from the US Food and Drug Administration for its Alexandrite laser system used to remove unwanted body hair. Laser Industries markets more than 20 laser systems. In November, Laser announced a merger with ESC Medical Systems.

Minicom receives \$200,000 in investment aid: The Investment Center of the Ministry of Industry and Trade awarded Jerusalem's Minicom Advanced Systems investment aid of \$200,000. The money will allow the computer controls manufacturer to expand its facilities.

Mint receives order from Societe Generale: Mint Technologies recently received an order for its intelligent financial middleware solution, MINT, from Societe

Generale Bank in New York. The bank will use the technology to integrate its computer systems. Mini Technologies of Herzliya provides software products to the financial

NetXchange signs agreement with KDD America: NetXchange Communications, a provider of Internet telephony software and infrastructure, has signed an agreement with KDD America, a subsidiary of Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Ltd., an international

telecommunications company. According to the agreement, KDD America's fax delivery and fax broadcast service. TeleWeh Fax, will provide connectivity to NetXchange's Internet Xchange for Fax to route fax communications over the Internet. The technology is designed to save

Meanwhile, NetXchange also announced that it expanded its Internet telephony ser-

vices through agreements with CyberCall NetService of Switzerland, Porto Franco of Italy and Swifmet of the United Kingdom. Each of these independent Internet telephony service providers uses NetXchange's Internet Xchange platform designed to maximize telecommunications budgets for a variety of businesses that rely heavily on fax communications, such as banks, hotels and travel agencies.

New Dimension and Oracle pen cooperation agreement: New Dimension Software of Tel Aviv has announced the signing of a Cooperative Applications Initiative agreement with Oracle Corp.

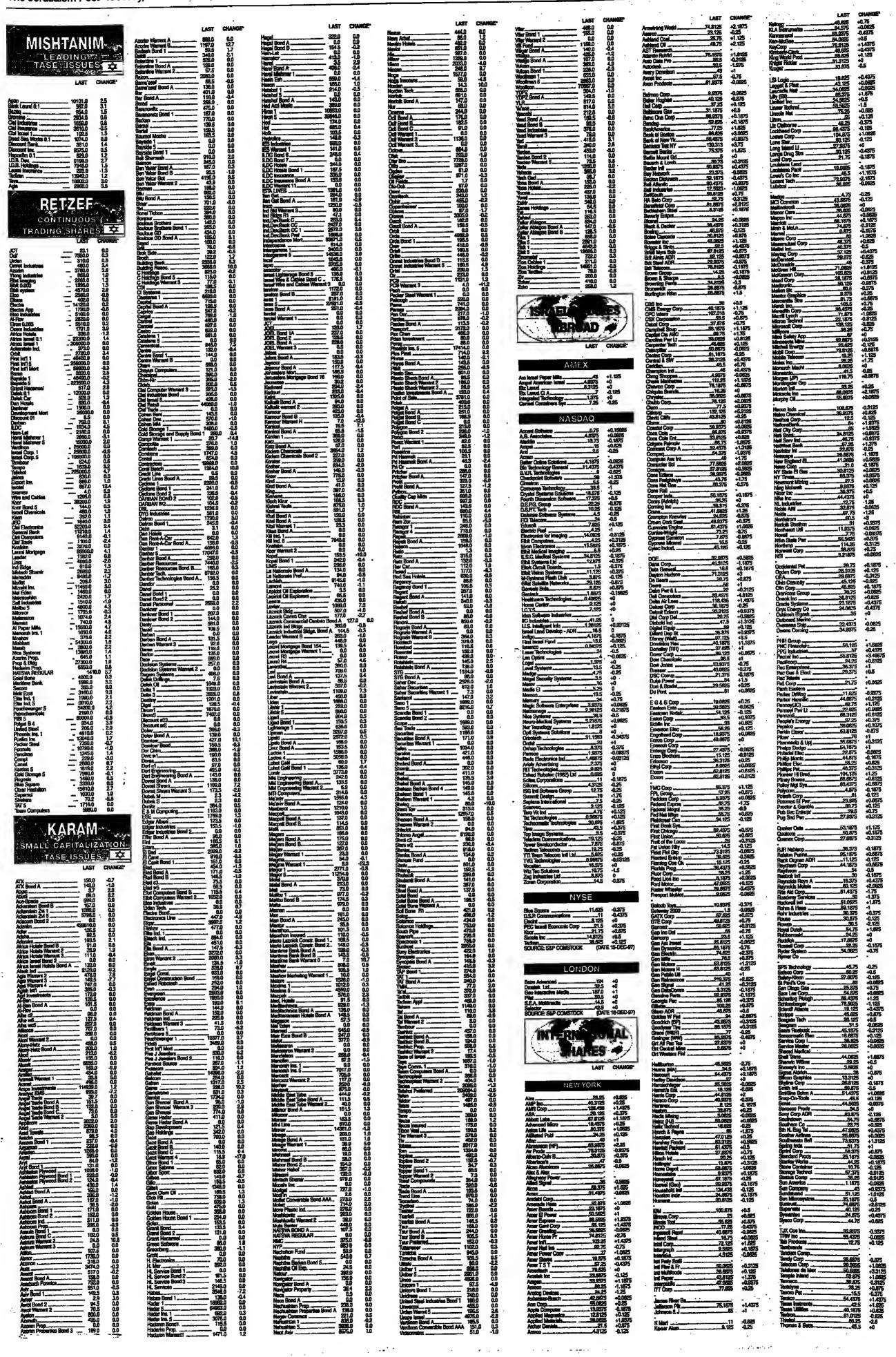
As a result of the agreement, New Dimensions and Oracle will work together to develop new integration tools for Oracle's current husiness software applica-

Oracle supplies software for information ket.

management in more than 140 countries. Last year the company's annual revenues totaled \$5.7 billion.

RSL receives \$1.3m. IAI deal: RSL Electronics recently received a \$1.3m. contract to provide control systems to Israel Aircraft Industries. IAI will use the systems to upgrade Turkish Phantom jets. RSL of Migdal Ha'Emek develops computerized control systems for aircraft and fire control

Tevel to invest \$10m. in NetVision: Toval Israel International Communication recently signed an agreement to invest \$10m. in Israeli Internet service provider NetVision. In exchange, Tevel will receive a 33% stake in the company. Based in Tel Aviv, Tevel is a cable television operator and holds franchises for 24% of the potential Israeli mar-



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TASE rises ahead of CPI release

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks rose as investors expected the government's consumer price report, due after the stock market closes, to show inflation last month was subdued. The Maof Index of 25 stocks

rose 1.65 percent to 296.54. The Mishtanim Index of 100 stocks added 1.57% to reach 284.13. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index gained 1.47% hitting 95.28. Expectations for the consumer price index to rise around 0.3% are helping investors' spirits, said Keith Phillips, an analyst at the Israel Desk of Societe Generale

Strauss Turnbull in London. At the same time, said Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar Securities, investors should pay attention to local companies' earning power. More important" than rates "is

the added value when companies are making money and are worth more," he said. In Israel, "companies are earning money."

Leading stocks higher were Israel's top three banks based on assets: Bank Hapoalim, up 1.25%,

Bank Leumi, up 3%, and Discount Bank, up 1.5%. Also rising were Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., up 3%. Teva, Israel's largest drugmaker, rose after it said a subsidiary signed a marketing and development accord with Biovail Corp. International of Canada

Europe

UK stocks rose on optimism Asia's economic decline will help keep global inflation and interest rates in check. The International Monetary Fund's Korean bailout plan also helped ease concern over Asian turmoil.

"Given what's happened in the Far East, authorities would be quite brave to try to raise interest rates now," said Logie Cassells, an investment manager at Capel-Cure Meyers Capital Management Ltd., which has about 3 billion pounds (\$4.9 billion) in the UK equity market.

Some of Britain's largest companies led the gains, including Sbell Transport & Trading Plc, the oil company, SmithKline Beecham Pic, the drug company, and the bank Lloyds TSB Group Pic. The benchmark FTSE 100 Index

of top British stocks climbed 76.6 points, or 1.5% to 5121.8. Shell climbed 20.5 pence to 448.5 while SmithKline gained

16p to 628 and Lloyds rose 28p to 765. Exporters got a boost after the pound fell 1.5 percent to 2.89 marks and 1.1% to \$1.63. A weaker pound means exports

are less expensive abroad and companies get more pounds when converting mark and dollar sales. Asian markets have been tumbling for several months on concern the region's economies are weaker than expected, clouding the profit



Maof 296.54 ▲ 1.65% Dow Jones 7923 ▲ 1.08% FTSE 5121.8 ▲ 52% Nikkei 15909.39 ▼ 0.03%

outlook for many British companies that make a lot of their money there. Even so, lower growth in Asia means policy makers in Europe and the US won't need to raise interest rates to control growth.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development sees financial turmoil in Asia cutting growth among the world's most industrialized countries both this year and next, and reducing inflation in 1998. "We are very confident that in

the European markets, inflatioo isn't going to be a problem," said Nigel Cobby, an executive director at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in London. Asia's decline is "taking the pressure off interest rates." Kevin Gardner, a strategist at Morgan Stanley, set a target of 6000 for the benchmark FTSE 100 for the end of 1998, mainly because of the outlook for slower

Asia

Japanese stocks traded mixed after the central bank's "tankan" survey revealed an economy heading into recession.

Electronics makers such as. Canon Inc. declined. The benchmark gained as dealers closed futures positions oo reports the government may go ahead with a 10 trillion yen (\$76 billion) bond issue as part of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's economic stimulus package to be released today.

The key figure in the Bank of

Japan's quarterly survey of busi-ness sentiment, the index of major manufacturers, was minus 11, well below the plus 1 forecast in September, and the minus 3 forecast by economists surveyed by Bloomberg News.

The survey predicted deepening pessimism, with the index of major mannfacturers falling to minus 15 in the next tankan, to be released in March.

"I don't think a tankan even as bad as this is a major shock and the market has held up relatively well considering how terrible the outlook for the economy is," said Craig Chudler, strategist at Salomon Brothers Asia Ltd.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 5.09 points, or 0.03% to 15,909.39. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 2.75 points, or 0.23% to 1196.09. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks surged yesterday as investors' jitters over the Asian economic crisis began to fade.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 84.29 points - or 1.08 percent - to close at 7,922.59. That helped erase some of last week's 310-point loss spurred by worries over Asia.

Broad-market indexes were mixed, but well above early moming levels. Bargain-bunting of technology stocks helped lift the Nasdaq composite index from a

steep drop in the morning. For weeks, uncertainty about the economic climate in Asia has plagued US financial markets. investors worry that stalled Asian growth may burt sales and profits

of US corporations doing business Stocks, however, opened higher following a 7.2 percent rise in South Korea's key stock market.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 7-to-6 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. with 1,603 up, 1.382 down and 469 unchanged.

Dollar breaks 131-yen barrier amid Japan gloom

The dollar set a five-and-a-balfyear high above 131 yen after the Bank of Japan's quarterly "tankan" survey showed business sentiment dropping.

The central bank's diffusion index for major manufacturers fell to minus 11, compared with an average forecast for minus 3 and down from positive 3 in the September report, This tankan was oot only weak,

it was well below pessimistic said David expectations," Brickman, an economist at PaineWebber International. "The nisks of recession in Japan are greatly enhanced by this sort of report. The yen, already I yen weaker against the dollar overnight, should continue to weaken toward our 3month target of 135. The dollar surged as high as

131.75 yen, its highest since reaching 133 on May I2, 1992. It was at worked out by former Prime primarily to strengthen Deposit

131.32, up from 130.33 late Friday. It was at 1.7767 marks, little changed from 1.7765 earlier. Japan's major manufacturers forecast their index would fall to minus 15 in the next tankan survey in March.

Small and midsize manufacturers, whose index plunged to minus 21, expect it to decline further to 33. The index is computed by subtracting the percentage of major manufacturers that foresee business conditions worsening from the percentage which see conditions improving. Traders' attention will also be

paid to a third and final government ecocomic stimulus package that will be released today.

Last week, the leading Liberal

Democratic Party endorsed a plan to raise about 10 trillion ven (\$76 billion) by issuing government bonds. The final plan, being



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Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, could add another 2 trillion yeo to 5 trillion yen to the package, a few LDP. officials said late last week. Still. the money is expected to be used

Insurance Corp., a semi-govern-ment body that protects bank deposits, and not to provide capital directly to struggling banks.
While this formalizes the pro-

tection against default, it does little to improve the position of banks, and nothing to boost the economy, so justifies further significant losses in the yen," said Robin Marsball, chief economist at Chase Investment Bank.

With the lack of any significant stimulus to the economy from government spending, exports remain the nation's only engine for growth. As a weaker yen boosts Japan's exports by making them cheaper, officials there are unlikely to complain too much about their currency's declining value, analysts said.

Still, concern remains Japanese officials will at least try to slow the decline of the yen by selling. PaineWebber's Brickman sees little reason for the yen not to continne slipping in the months ahead, given that Japanese interest rates aren't going to move from their record lows in the foreseeable future.

A report Friday that US producer prices unexpectedly fell in November dampened expectations US interest rates are headed higher in the months ahead.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said it sees financial turmoil in Asia cutting growth in the world's most industrialized nations this year and next. The effect will be most acutely felt in Japan, where growth is expected to be reduced by 1.4 percentage points in 1998, and other Pacific countries, the OECD said.

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Platinum plunges on Asian fears

Precious metals

Spot gold was little changed. Speculation persists that central banks will continue to reduce the amount of gold in their vaults and overwhelm demand, traders said. On Friday, the Swiss National Bank said it began lending gold last month, yet another sign gov-ernment gold holdings are finding their way to the market. Spot gold rose 70 cents to \$283.55 an ounce in interbank trading.

Platinum slumped as the mounting financial crisis in Asia and a drop in the yen are expected to reduce demand in Japan, the largest market for the precious metal. Japanese demand for platinum jewelry has already sagged

sumption tax in April and the detenorating condition of the nation's economy. Platinum for immediate delivery dropped \$4 to \$357.50 an ounce. Palladium declined \$5.75 to \$194.50.

Oil

Brent crude oil futures edged higher as traders await the outcome of talks between the United Nations and Iraq. Ricbard Butler, head of the UN special commission for weapons inspections, is in Bagbdad until today, attempting to solve access problems for his teams, which if unresolved could prevent the UN letting Iraq sell more crude. January Brent futures.

Gold \$284.95 ▲ 2.10% -Crude Oil \$17.38 ▲ 0.07% CRB 235.03 ▼ 0.87%

which expire tomorrow, edged 9 cents bigher to \$17.40 a barrel.

Copper slumped on expectations

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will reduce demand for metals products next year. Falling currencies and slower economic growth across Asia are reducing demand for metal products. Since Thailand devalued the

baht in July, currencies across Southeast Asia have tumbled, reducing the region's buying power and dragging down economic growth in Japan and South Korea, the world's second and fifth largest copper consumers: The copper contract for three month delivery fell \$46 to \$1,786 a ton oo the LME. Aluminum fell. The decline

comes as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said it sees the financial turmoil in Asia cutting economic growth among the

fastest pace in four months, com-

pared with an expected rise of

0.6%. The plant-use rate, mean-

time, rose to 83.2%, the highest

our economy seems greatly exag-

gerated" said Jim Somers, of Martindale Andres & Co. in West

Consbobocken, Pennsylvania.

Fed Investors now are looking to

Bonds "could be vulnerable here."

a report today, which probably

will show consumer prices in

November rose at a rate of just

0.2% rate, both with and without

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tries, both this year and next. Three-month aluminum fell \$27 to \$1,535 a ton on the LME.

Coffee fell amid coocem snow and freezing temperatures in Mexico over the weekend may have damaged coffee crops. The Mexican city of Monterrey. received its first snow for 30 years over the weekend, while the maximum temperature in Zacatecas on Saturday was just minus 6 degrees Celsius, 20 degrees less than the normal maximum temperature for December, the UK Meteorological Office said.

Coffee for March delivery, the most active contract, rose \$79 to \$1,856 a metric ton oo the London International Financial Futures and or ons Exchange.

The inflation rate ran at a 1.8%

pace in the first 10 months of the

year, the slowest in more than a

decade. The government on

Friday said the producer price index fell 0.2% last month.

Also today, Fed pobcy makers

are meeting in Washington for the

final time this year. Few traders

and investors see the Fed adjusting

its interest rate targets. The target

for overnight lending between

banks now is 5.5%, where it was

The Fed meeting is going to be ho-hum - they really can't do any-

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US bonds were little changed. with yields near the lowest in four years, amid optimism international investors will keep buying the securities as a haven from financial turmoil in Asia. The markets are focused on US

dollar assets and the fact that they are a safe and decent investment. said Scott Graham, co-head of govemment bond trading at Prudential Securities, who said 30-year Treasury yields may fall as low as 5.85 percent by next week.

The benchmark 30-year bond tell 1/8, or \$1.25 per \$1,000 bond, pushing its yield up 1 basis point to 5.93%. Two-year note yields rose 3 basis points to 5.62%.

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Thirty-year bond yields fell 20 basis points in the past week, as financial markets in the Pacific Rim tumbled, prompting investors to buy Treasuries as a refuge. Slowing Asian economies also

are expected to drag on US economy in coming months, keeping a lid on inflation. That's good for bonds, too, because rising inflation eats into the value of their fixed payments. "We can easily break through 5.75%" yield on the 30-year bond,

said Jeffrey Eglow, of Highlander Capital Management in Parsippany, New Jersey.

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German sports body wants drink ban after deaths

Federation (DSB) called yesterday for an alcohol ben at sports. You can carry our scartings of events events after two Danish fans were individuals for metal objects at tries. stabled to death at the women's world handball championships.
Manned von Richthofen told InfoRadio Berlin that fans could not be fully protected against a deranged anacker but he backed

restrictions on drinking. I would welcome a general. alcohol ban in stadiums and sports venues. However, you can never rule out the possibility

MICIAICA. the entrance. But you can't stop people from bringing in small knives to peel apples," he added. German police arrested a 48 year-old German man suspected of stabbing the two fans during Denniark's 32-22 semifinal win

over Russia on Saturday.

The two victims were aged 34 and 39. One died instantly while the other died latter. Police sussome lanatic will commit an arro- pect the men had been disaking these

BERLIN (Reuters) - The presi- cious deed which no one can pre- and got into an argument deut. of the German Sport vent? von Richbolen said in an Germany takes a more lement view towards demking at sports events compared to many com-

> It has witnessed a number of attacks on sports stars and other public figures, although they have not been related to drunking. Terrais star Monica Seles was stabled by a speciator at a tour-nament in Hamburg in 1993. The following year a deranged woman knifed soccer player Oliver Moeller as he watched his side play in an indoor tourns-

Violence flares at weekend Italian soccer matches

ROME (AP) - About 15 fans and police were hurt in clashes during and after a match between Inter Milan and AS Roma on Sunday, while unruly spectators also marred Italian League games in Naples, Bergamo and Bologna. In Naples, fans set fire to seats

and banners in the stands and battled with police in an apparent effort to charge onto the field after the hosts' 4-0 loss to AC Parma. Ten officers were hurt, and two who were hit with plastic seats were taken to a hospital, the ANSA news agency reported. The teams' huses left the stadium with police escorts. In Milan, eight Roma fans and about the same number of city police and paramilitary police were hurt in clashes during half-time and following Inter Milan's 3-0 victory. The officer in charge of public order, Filippo Lapi, according to ANSA.

Many of the injuries, most of which were treated by first-aid stations at the stadium, came in confrontations after the game, when Roma fans tossed stadium seats at

Police Romans, an estimated 7,000, on a

special train that took them back to the capital Sunday night.

During the game, which Bologna won 2-0, a flare or firecracker was tossed from a section holding Lecce supporters towards a group of home fans. There were no injuries reported.

Connors, Gomez try to serve up a new concept

SYDNEY (AP) - Former world Connors became the first player to hold his serve and take a 3-2 lead. No. 1 Jimmy Connors tried a new tennis concept yesterday, but then said the rules should be left alone. Connors played a set of oneserve tennis against Andres Gomez and won 6-3 before voicing his

criticism of the idea, "I never thought it was good to mess with the rules of the game and prefer the way we've been playing for the past 25 or 30 years," Connors said.

"The service change slowed the pace of the game and reduced aggression and certainly wouldn't be liked by today's serve and vol-ley group," he said.

It took until the fifth game before

Gomez failed to cope with the depth and penetration of Connors' shots and frequently found his returns catching the bottom of the

Down 5-2, Gomez held his first service in the eighth game. Tournament official Cameron Williams produced the one-serve concept after he became disenchanted with the modern power game

He said the change would make serve.

"We're not getting the charis-

In Bergamo, a stadium attendant was hurt when hit on the leg by a firecracker tossed from the stands during Milan'a 2-1 win over

And police intervened to prevent clashes between rival fans outside the Dall'Ara Stadium after the Bologna-Lecce match.

serves from players like Goran Ivanisevic

players work harder for points and reduce the potency of the first

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matic players like Bjorn Borg or John McEuroe any more and many people are tired of the pounding

and

Philippoussis," Williams said. The one-serve concept has been argued for years and we'll now need to analyze and assess today's play and speak to the players before going further." Gomez said the one service made the game tougher.

It was a different style of game which required more concentration," said Gomez. "We had to make the first serve and it was tough to hold on with what was a second serve."

Senna trial comes to a close today

IMOLA, Italy (Renters) - The Ayrton Senna manslaughter trial comes to a close today, exactly a year after Formula One team chief Frank Williams and five other defendants were formally indicted.

Judge Antonio Costanzo will deliver his verdict in a makeshift Imola courtroom, down the road from the circuit where a statue now commemorates the Brazilian former triple world champion who crashed and died there on May 1, 1994.

But the likelihood is that Costanzo's longawaited ruling will raise as many doubts as answers about the death of one of Formula One motor racing's greatest drivers.

The main question that Senna's fans want answered is what really caused the driver's Williams to hurtle off the track and into a concrete wall at around 220 kph as it entered the Tamburello bend during the eighth lap of the San Marino Grand Prix.

It is a question that many, not least Frank Williams himself, believe may never be

"We'll probably never know what happened," the team chief said after giving evidence in court in October.

The prosecution alleges that a poor weld on Senna's steering column snapped as the Brazilian entered the Tamburello, causing him to lose control of his car.

It has also claimed that the way the track was maintained could also have contributed to the

The former assertion has been vigorously challenged by Williams as well as other drivers. There was no proof that it (steering column failure) caused the accident, it must have been something else," Senna's former Williams team mate Damon Hill said.

The track claim was dismissed by Imola officials and Italian driver Michele Alboreto, who said the asphalt had some problems but not enough to throw a car off line.

Lawyers for Williams have indicated that Senna, a driver who rarely made mistakes, could have lost control while trying to avoid a piece of debris on the track. Three track officials were charged with

Williams and Williams' technical director Patrick Head and former designer Adrian Newey when the trial started last December. However, last month prosecuting magistrate Maurizio Passarini made a dramatic about-turn when he asked for manslaughter charges against Williams and the three track officials to be shelved "for not having committed the

That was interpreted as the end of the case for Williams, since it is highly unusual for a judge to find a person guilty if the prosecutor says there is no case to answer.

evidence in person, still face possible sentences since Passarini asked for them to be given one-

year suspended sentences. He said their error had been "microscopic." Lawyers for Head and Newey have protested

their clients' innocence and said the prosecutor's request was based on "conjecture, arbitrary data and numerous hypotheses." Under Italian law, both the prosecution and defence have an automatic right to appeal

against any verdict, meaning that a definitive entence may take years to achieve. A guilty verdict on any of those involved

could also potentially pose problems for the sport in Italy. The world body FIA warned when the trial

opened that drivers and teams might be unwilling to race in Italy in the light of the court Benetton boss Flavio Briatore was even quot-

ed as saying that he would not race his cars in Italy if there were convictions for Senna's

But Williams, asked by reporters in October whether he would boycott Italy if found guilty. replied: "I doubt it very much... I don't fear the future." If the judge hands down a not-guilty verdict, ruling that the steering column and track were not at fault, then the question will remain. What did cause Senna's death?

Botham: English cricket is in the Dark Ages

LONDON (Reuters) - Ian Botham has accused English cricket of being stranded in the dark ages and of missing a golden opportunity to revolutionize

The former England captain said: "Football is so popular now and rugby is taking off. If we don't get moving in cricket even the Eskimos will stuff us

Botham feels an outstanding opportunity to update the game was missed when many of the points in a recent report hy English Cricket Board chairman Lord McLaurin report were rejected by the counties.

You have got to have a promotion and relegation system," Botham said. "I remember playing for Durham against another county near the bottom of the table at the end of June, looking around the ground and thinking what the hell are we playing this game for. We were just going through the motions.

ing Everton at 3 p.m. on a Thursday. I think cricket should move towards more regular evening matches."

Another favorite target of Botham is over-age players keeping promising youngsters on the sidelines. "When you see guys of 40

playing second team cricket they are usually hanging on for a benefit and keeping promising youngsters out of the game. "If you had a pension fund it would trim county staff and create room for younger players. There is too much dead wood,"

he said. Botham was more upbeat about England's chances in the upcoming series in the West Indies. We have not won a five-Test

series since 1986-7 and I find that amazing, But I believe England will win in the West Indies this winter," he said, adding: "The only trouble is that that would throw a veil over the

"We have got to make the game here more attractive and put hums on seats. Perhaps the best thing for English cricket was that 3-0 stuffing by Zimbabwe (last season) in the one-day series. It made some of the lads wake up and decide they had to do the business or they might be out of

The wickets in the West Indies are among the slowest in the world now and for the first time in a long while we could actually beat them in their own back yard. The England boys have a lot more self confidence now and

will fly the flag well. "But English cricket is part of our heritage and if it does not start to swing soon it will have just sink out of sight." Botham was speaking at the launch of a cricket year book to which he contributed a foreword summarising his ideas on the future. of the English game.

Rusedski wins BBC sports award

LONDON (Reuters) - Canadaborn Greg Rusedski, now competing as a Briton, was on Sunday named the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year.

Rusedski, who reached the final of the US Open, finished ahead of another termis player, Tim Henman

World and Olympic champion rower Steve Redgrave was third in the poll by British viewers. The British Lions, who became

only the third rugby union team

in history to win a series in South Africa, took the team award. Swiss Martina Hingis, who won three of the four Grand Slam tennis titles this year, collected the Overseas Personality

award. Seve Ballesteros, captain of Enrope's victorious Ryder Cup golf team, received a special award for services to sport over the last 20 years.

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Otis Smith's redemption

for relief.

Wherever he went, attention followed. He couldn't hide, he couldn't duck, he couldn't fend off his pursuers.

At one point he flashed his frustration.

"I just want to see my family,"

Smith said. The New York Jets' right comerback, who too often this season has resembled a struck match, was being hounded by well-meaning faces for a change. When Jets Coach Bill Parcells had words for him, they were spoken with a smile. teammates approached him, they offered congratulations, not condo-

When the persistent media converged on Smith, the questions were soft and tame and polite. Friendly, even.

As the Neil O'Donnell of the Jets' defense, Smith has learned not to trust this kind of happiness. "I'm sure I'll read something bad about myself in the papers. Smith said

Not this ome. He earned a hye

He didn't totally dispel the dog-eared scouong report on him Sunday, which says that if you throw in his direction, a touchdown or two will result. But that statement now needs a disclaimer, to warn quarterbacks that the touchdowns may travel in the opposite direction.

The Jets find themselves reborn, a condition to which Smith can fully relate. Three days ago they were gasping for breath and about to be shown the Heimlich Maneuver by Latrell Sprewell, But now, after a dumb Drew Bledsoe pass, an egg laid by the Dolphins, and an unexpected 31-0 stomping of the Buccaneers, the Jets control their own playoff fate heading to Detroit oext week. To paraphrase Jets DB Aaron Glenn, if they win, they in.

It was a curious coincidence that on the same day the lets found new life, so did Smith, for about the fifth time.

If you have any compassion for repeat vicoms, then you're happy for Smith, who returned two Trent Dilfer passes for toucbdowns and became an asset instead of a liability for the Jets. Incre aren i many players who've picked themselves up off the canvas as many times this season as Smith, who had almost week.

"Otis can be a little heartbreaker once in a wbile," Parcells conceded.

If Smith has an enviable skill. then it's his ability to rebound stronger than Charles Barkley. He has been beaten nine times for touchdowns this season. He's a walking welcome mat for opposing quarterbacks. It wouldn't be a stretch to say Smith has been hurned beyond recognition, except he's instant-

"That's the way it is," Smith said. "That's what happens when you have an All-Pro comer on

Otis Smith was getting picked the other side (Glenn). People on once again, just like every are going to come my way. I Sunday. He looked everywhere don't see it as a sign of disrespect. They feel I'm a weak part of the defense. They'd rather come my way then Aaron's

> That's precisely what Dilfer did in the second quarter at Giants Stadium. He

COMMENT aimed a 10-yard

toward Dass By SHAUN POWELL receiver Horace Copeland, who deflected the ball right into

Smith's hands. From there, it was an easy 45-yard stroll down the sideline for the score. Dilfer's next fatal throw was

expertly read by Smith, who cut in front of Reidel Anthony for a clean steal and a 51-yard intercepcon return. When he's intercepting the

hall, he's a threat to score, Parcells said. "He's a skillful runner. Wheo he's concentrating, he can play well. I just wish I could keep that in a bottle for The last ome he received a

lashing from Parcells - after a Week 11 loss at Miami - Smith responded with a pair of inter-ceptions and a touchdown return in Chicago a few weeks back. Since then, Smith's intercepdooto-toast ratio bas improved considerably. So has his confidence.

"I don't dwell on what has happened in the past," he said. "I always look ahead. Bill knows me, and he knows I'm going to bounce back sooner or later.'

Sunday was a good time for a ricochet. The scoreboard said the Jets finished with 31 points but the reality is the offeose went nowhere.

About the best you can say about O'Donnell, whose longest pass went for 18 yards, was that he didn't hurt the Jets. And the running game was good for only 2.8 yards a pop. Remove Smith's two returns, and Leon Johnson's 101-yard kickoff return and 24-yard punt return that put the offense in scoring posicion, and the Jets would've mustered three points. .

It was a day for Smith and the defense, a unit that basn't always performed with consistency. Raymond Austin blocked a punt and the defense rejected everything else the Bucs offered. Faced with a swirling wind and a bectic Jets' pass rush, Dilfer completed just two passes. The Bucs also managed just 90 yards rushing, a failure helped in part by the absence of injured Pro Bowl fullback Mike Alstott.

"We needed these big plays been counted out every other and were fortunate enough to get them," Smith said. "I believe the offense is going to step up sooner or later, hopefully next week. I think they're having a hard time right now but they'll come through." Even if no one else sbares Smith's optimism, you can hardly blame him, of all peo-

ple, for staying positive. Two picks returned for touchdowns should be enough to change a man's reputation. Smith knows better. There'll be ly recognized the very next more balls thrown his way. "That won't change," he said.

One way or another, a touchdown is bound to happen.

Dolphins suffer worst loss in 10 years

Indianapolis routs Miami 41-0; Jets shut out Tampa Bay 31-0

NEW YORK (AP) - All Tampa Bay and Miami had to do to make the playoffs was win on Sunday. Instead, they lost by a combined score of 72-0.

A month ago, Indianapolis was worried about going winless for the season. On Sunday, the Colts routed the Dolphins 41-0, Miami's first shutout loss in 10 years and one of the worst performances of Dan Marino's career.

A road win by the Buccaneers against the New York Jets would have clinched their first playoff berth since 1982, eliminated the Jets and assured postseason spots for the Dolphins and New England, Instead, the Jets beat Tampa Bay 31-0, setting up a Patriots-Dolphins showdown on Monday, December 22 for the American Football Conference East ride.

The Bucs clinched a playoff berth later in the day when Carolina lost to Green Bay.

The Jets, by staying alive with their rousing victory, still need to win next Sunday to make the playoffs, and they will be playing Detroit, which edged Minnesota 14-13. The Lions would clinch a benth of their own with a victory at home over the Jets.

The only team that managed to clinch a postseason spot with a victory was Jacksonville, which defeated Buffalo 20-14.

Last night, Denver was at San Francisco

Jim Harbaugh passed for 255 yards and a career-best four touchdowns, three of them to oght end Ken Dilger, for the Colts (3-12). Indianapolis scored on every first-

half possession, sacked Marino twice and forced him to fumble twice deep in Miami territory. Both namovers led to Indianapolis scores.

Marino managed only 71 yards passing, the second-worst game of his 15-year NFL career, and the

shutout was the Dolphins' first since a 27-0 loss at Buffalo in 1987. Lions 14, Vikings 13 Herman Moore's 1-yard TD catch with three seconds remaining rallied Detroit to a road victory that kept alive its hopes of completing a late-

season playoff push. The Lions (8-7) won for the fourth time in five games, while the Vikings (8-7), who missed a chance to put the game away when Eddie Murray missed a 37-yard field goal . become the only team other than the with 1:56 to play, have lost five > 1984 Packers to finish with a 500 straight. They still can reach the precord after starting 1-7; playoffs by beating Indianapolis at home next weekend

Barry Sanders had his 13th con-

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RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Watters 4-35, Fryar 3-35, Solomon 2-84, Turner 2-2, Durn 1-15, Tulones 1-11, Lewis 1-3, Garner 1-7, Timpson 1-3, Attanta, Matris, 4-67, Kinchen 3-39, Kordowski 2-41, Green 1-47, Emanuel 1-15, Hanspard 1-10.



FL1CKED AWAY - Philadelphia WR Michael Timpson (I) has the ball knocked away by Atlanta safety Ronnie Bradford in fourthquarter action Sunday. The Falcons beat the Eagles 20-17.

secutive 100-yard game for Detroit, carrying 19 times for 138 yards. That left him 131 short of becoming the third player in NFL history to reach

Falcons 20, Eagles 17 Atlanta won its fifth straight game, beating visiting Philadelphia on Morten Andersen's 33-yard field goal as time ran out.

Despite the hometown win, Atlanta (7-8) was eliminated from the playoffs when Detroit won. The Falcons still have a chance to

Philadelphia (6-8-1) lost its second straight game to end its playoff

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RECEVING—Artzona, Sanders 4-55, K.Williams 4-54, R.Moore 4-31, Carter 1-15, Centers 1-9, Gedray 1-8, Edwards 1-8, Plummer 1-2, New Orleans, HB 5-124, Guilford 2-38, Zellans 2-22, Hestings 2-6, Poole 1-49, Farquirer 1-8, LSmith 1-5.
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Packers 31, Panthers 10 Brett Favre threw for 256 yards and three touchdowns in visiting Green Bay's fourth consecutive vic-

The Packers (12-3) had already wrapped up its third consecutive NFC Central title and earned a firstround bye in the playoffs and a second-round game at Lambeau Field. The loss eliminated Carolina (7-8)

Chiefs 29, Chargers 7 Kansas City won its fifth straight in San Diego, moving to the verge of the APC West title and home-field advantage throughout the confer-

Marcus Allen ran for one touchdown, Rich Gannon threw for one.

Seahawks 22, Raiders 21 Jon Kitna went 23-of-37 for 283 yards, and Todd Peterson kicked a 49-yard field goal with 2:20 remaining as Scattle rallied from a 21-3 halftime defici.

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Philcox in the end zone for a safety

and Mark McMillian returned an

Ravens 21, Oilers 19 Eric Zeier threw a career-high three touchdown passes for Baltimore in the final pro football, game at Baltimore's 43-year-old demorial Stadium.

Tennessee got within two points with 63 seconds left when Steve McNair scored on a quarterback

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Coyotes forward scores No. 700 PHOENIX (AP) - Mike Garmer top four goal-scorers and Mario never doubted he would take his Lemieux. place in an elite group of 700-goal scorers. After a long wait marked by a scoring drought and an injury, he wasn't sure when it would

come, though. "It's been hovering there for a while," he said Sunday night after scoring at 10:41 of the first period against the Detroit Red Wings. Basically, after the last game I knew it was just a shot away." Gartner, 38, became only the

fifth player in NHL history to reach the 700-goal milestone. He made good after taking a pass from Craig Janney behind the Detroit net, and sending a trademark wrist shot elbow-high past

Detroit goalie Chris Osgood. It was the fourth goal this season for Gartner, who had 32 last season, extending his NHL record of scoring at least 30 goals to 17 sea-

Wayne Gretzky [871), Gordie Howe (801), Marcel Dionne (731) and Phil Esposito (717) are the only other players to reach 700 goals. Gartner, the fourth pick in the

1979 draft, had at least 34 goals in each of his first 15 seasons, a string interrupted by the lockout shortened 1994-95 campaign. Gartner also is only the sixth

player ever to have at least 600 goals and 600 assists, trailing the second period.

Flyers 3, Lightning 0 Ron Hextail made 20 saves for his 21st career shutout and John LeClair scored twice, including his 200th NHL goal, as hosi Philadelphia shut out the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Hextall's second shutout of the season came against the NHL's lowest-scoring team. The Lightning, whose 57 goals are eight fewer than second-worst Toronto, have been shut out twice this seasoo. LeClair, who had 101 goals the

previous two seasons, scored his 200th goal in his 458th game. The Flyers have won three straight. Tampa Bay, which snapped a 16-game winless

streak on the road Saturday in Ottawa, is 2-16-1 away from home this year. Sharks 2, Blackbawks 1 Owen Nolan and Jeff Friesen scored first-period goals to help the tight-checking San Jose Sharks extend their unbeaten

streak to four games. San Jose, 3-0-1 in its last four games, held struggling Chicago to just 18 shots. Eric Daze was the only Blackhawk to beat Sharks goalie Mike Vernon, scoring a power-play goal on a fluke carom with four seconds remaining in the

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(Hell lack), 11:05. N—50, 14:43, NY—Marrell
7 run (Hell lack), 10:56. A—60,122
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Dates 1-0. New York, Murrell 26-73. Sowe6 7-35,
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1-0, O'Donnell 4-(mirus 2).
PASSING—Temps Bay, Direr 2-15-2-38, Watteh
1-7-0-8. New York, O'Donnell 14-22-1-112.
RECEIVING—Temps Bay, Durar 1-22, Davis 116. Copelarund 1-8. New York, Culotreon 3-22,
Buster 2-26, Graham 2-20, Van Dyfes 1-18,
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MISSED FIELD GOALS—Temps Bay, Husted S1
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PASSING—Green Bay, Freeman 10-165, Brooks 2-43, Beecke 2-28, Levens 2-0, Chmura 1-11, Henderson 1-8. Carolina, Cerruth 4-28, E-Mills 1-22. Nultarnand 1-5, Wals 1-0.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

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Ford kick, 5:38 Oak—Jet 37 pass from George
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Ford kick, 2:38 Second Outrier: Sea—FG

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Strong 2-13, Crungler 1-14, Broussard 1-11,
Warnen 1-11, May 1-10, Pauria 1-7, Smith 1-4,
Oakland, Dudley 5-56, Jet 4-75, Brown 4-57,
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Saturday's results: New York Grants 30, Washington 10; Finsburgh 24, New England 21 (OT); Sunday's results: Cincinnati 31, Dallas 24; Detroit 14, Minuscota 13; Baltimore 21, Tennessee 19; Jacksonville 20, Belfalo 14; Lodanapolis 41, Miami 0; Actanta 20, Philadelphia 17; New York Jets 31, Tantpa Bay 0; Hew Orleans 21, ArizonalO; Green Bay 31, Carolinald, Kansas City 29, San Diego 7; Seattle 22, Caldand 21; Chicago 13, St. Louis 10, Last night: Denver at San Francisco. Sunday, December 21

(Final week, regular season)
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New York Grants at Dallas. Philadelphia at Washington Pictsburgh at Tennessee. Atlanta at Arizona. Jacksonville at Oakland. Hew York Jets at Detroit. San Diego at Derver, San Francisco at Seattle Monday, December 22: New England at

interception 87 yards for a touchjust two of nine passes for nine yards in the first half, was 12-of-15 for 243 yards and three touchdowns in the second-as New scored 24. consecutive points against visiting Bears 13, Rams 10

Jeff Jaeger kicked two short field goals in the final 5:08 as Chicago overcame five costly turnovers to win at St. Louis, which also turned the ball over five times.

Scints 27, Cardinals 10:

Billy Joe Hobert, who completed

In games reported in yesterday's edition, it was NY Jets 31, Tampa Bay 0; Jacksonville 20, Buffalo 14; Cincinnati 31, Dallas 24; and, on Saturday, NY Glants 30, Redskins

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Ticket holders to the NIO production of The

Emperor of Atlantis and The Seven Deadly Sins can

get in free to a concert of chamber music from the

Terezin (Theresienstadt) camp by Jewish com-

posers who perished in the Holocaust, played by the

Group for New Music. The composers include a

string quartet by Atlantis composer Viktor Ullmann

Tonight and Thursday at 7 p.m. on the side stage at

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Cellist Boris Pergamenschikow, violinist

Leonidas Kavakos, and pianist Lars Vogt perform

the Tchaikovsky piano trio as well as the Brahms

second cello sonata and the Kodaly duo for violin

and cello tonight at the Henry Crown Symphony

Hall in Jerusalem and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv

Saleem Aboud Ashkar plays the Schumann piano

concerto and Ella Vaulin playa the Mozart C major

rondo for violin and orchestra with the Kibbutz

Chamber Orchestra under Doron Solomon in a pro-

gram which also features orchestral works by

Mozart and Haydn. Tonight in Beit She'an, tomor-

row in Megiddo, Saturday in Tzavta in Tel Aviv and

next Sunday in Upper Nazareth (8:30, except

Tomer Lev's series History's Verdict continues

tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum with

Between Shadows of the Past and Music of the

FILM

Adina Hoffman

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acter in Victor Nunez's vividly small and

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9 How a bright idea comes to

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10 Cattle complaint (4)

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13 A spot of sympathy? (8)

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the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

Performing Arts Center (8:30).

Saturday at 11:11 a.m.).

Future: Brahms and His Circle.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

ECHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic

6:45 Good Morning

8:00 Life on the

Screen - computer

8:30 Art Workshop

9:00 Science and

very young 11:00 English 12:00 French 12:30 Science and

Technology 13:00 Geography 13:30 Cartoons 15:00 Pretty Butterfty

ECHANNEL 1

affairs 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

Peter Fonda is a no-nonsense beekeeper, a

so deliberately blank - his long-legged gait

slowed by a slight limp, hia line delivery flat

and functional as an ironing board, his gaze

deadened by old pain gone dull - that his per-

formance comes precariously close to bad. This

first impression may not be fair and in fact the

longer one apends watching Fonda's Ulee

Jackson go abont hia quiet business as a no-

nonsense Florida beekeeper, a Vietnam vet and

widower, responsible for looking after his two

granddanghters, the more impressive the

actor's work seems. And Nunez does a delicate

job of letting Ulee's measured manner guide

the ahape and pace of the film which, despite

one or two sentimental missteps, bas the spare

and carefully structured feel of a well-written

novella. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles.

WINNING CARDS

in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis

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16 Claim support (8)

19 Close of play (8)

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6 Composer has part written

up for a single man (8)

7 Jump bail in Asian isle (4)

8 The issue of marriage? (8)

12 Bred in sin, set out this

14 Spent about a pound for

17 Row not unexpected in N

22 Made tea for the family,

25 Artist's model who barely

Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Grass, 4 Hoppers, 8
Animals, 9 Taper, 10 Ideal, 11
Earring, 13 Odds, 16 Escape, 17
Terror, 20 Boil, 22 Carrots, 24
Doric, 26 Image, 27 Rarebit, 28
Fallacy, 29 York.

Irish Parliament (8)

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AROUND THE WORLD

Vietnam vet and widower in 'Ulee's Gold.'

15:30 Pink Panthe

16:00 The Mask 16:30 Zapzaps 16:59 A New Evening

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Apropo - current

19:30 News flash 19:31 Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil

20:00 News 20:45 Mine Host Meni

22:00 On Her
Majesty's Secret
Service (1969) —
James Bondrec recruits
the services of an inter-

national gangster to put paid to SPECTRE's

plans to take over the world. With George Lazenby, Diana Rigg and Telly Savalas

00:22 Verse of the Day

6:15 Today's Programs

6:30 Cartoons 7:00 Reshet Morning with Ben Kaspit and

11:00 The Little Circle

12:30 Fudge 13:00 The Adventures

4:00 Home and Away

14:30 Junior News 15:00 Best Video Clips

6:50 Different Driving

16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful

17:00 Five with Rafi

18:00 Pauley 18:30 Cybill 19:00 Squad 132

21:05 Investigation

23:10 Investiga

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14:00 Holy Koran

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Des Lettres

15:00 Skippy 15:30 Album Show

14:30 Square One TV 17:00 Secret de Famille

17:30 Des Chiffres et

18:00 Savoir Plus

19:00 Le Journal

19:15 Orient sur Seine

Reporting - part 1 22:05 Dan Shilon Live

Reporting – part 2 23:30 To Touch Evil – new British police series 00:00 News 00:05 To Touch Evil,

1:30 A Touch of Love

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of the Bush Patrol

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■ CHANNEL 2

Sivan Doron 8:00 Meetings

10:00 Pablo

Pe'er 21:55 Lotto draw

10:00 Programs for the

E EDUCATIONAL TV

19:30 News headlines 19:35 You Bet Your Life 20:00 Skeleton Coast

Remembers 22:00 News in English 22:30 Margaret Volant 23:15 Scarlet and

MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop 14:30 Body Electric 15:00 Basic Training

15:30 The 700 Club

16:00 Larry King 17:00 Arthur 17:25 Madeleine

17:45 Babar the

19:00 Showbiz

Elephant 18:10 Beakman's

World 18:35 Saved by the

19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 Ed Sullivan

Presents 20:25 Acapulco Heat 21:15 Caught on

Camera 22:05 Sirens 23:00 The 700 Club 23:30 CNN News

Broadcasts will begin after coverage of the

enter coverage of the Knesset sitting ends 16:00 Cartoons 16:30 Amores 17:30 Panel discussion

19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk

20:00 News 20:45 Kavanagh, Q.C.

15:30 Echo Point 18:00 News Writing

16:30 Directions 17:00 Olivewood -

17:40 Nature and

18:30 BRz on

Certoons 19:00 Life on the

20:00 A New Evening 20:30 A Woman's

Angle - Not Just For Women

series on humor and

cornedy 22:00 Growing Old in

Cover Her Face - part 5

FAMILY CHANNEL

7:00 Good Evening

with Guy Pines (rpt) 7:30 Love Story with

Yossi Siyas 8:00 Sunset Beach 9:00 One Life to Live

9:45 The Young and

12:00 Love Boat 12:45 Hart to Hart 13:30 Frasier

16:30 Dulce Ana

with Guy Pines

the Restless

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10:30 Days of Our Lives 11:15 Duice Ana (rpt)

14:00 Sunset Beach 14:50 Days of Our Lives 15:40 Ridd Lake (rpt)

17:15 One Life to Live

8:00 Good Evening

18:30 Local Broadcast 18:00 The Young and

20:25 Dreams of Youth

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20:50 Beverly Hills

21:35 Drew Carey

22:00 Yair Lapid Live

at 10 22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)

23:00 Ricki Lake 23:45 Silk Stalkings

the Restless

a New Age 23:00 P.D. James's

21:00 Laughing

Science 18:00 Family Album

children's program in

in Arabic 18:00 The Tyrant

22:00 Showcase 22:30 Telekessel

■ ETV 2 (23)

■ ITV 3 (33)

20:30 Encounter 21:10 Hollywood

00:30 Hart to Hart 1:20 North of 60

MOVIE CHANNEL

11:30 An Element of

Truth (1995) - e beau-titul young con artist tries

to pull oil a sting opera-

tion in an investment bro-tion in an investment bro-kerage firm but finds her-selt a pawn in a greater game. With Donna Mills 13:05 Seeing Stars 13:55 The Snail

(Hebrew, 1970) -comic musical view of

name by Arik Einstein and Shalom Hanoch 15:15 David's Mother

(1993) - e woman devotes all her time to

her retarded son until e new man enters her life and helps her see

the child's true needs.

With Kirsty Ally and Sam Waterston 16:40 New in the

Cinema 16:55 The Legend of Gatoriace (1995, rpt)

two bored teenagers revive the creature

swamps 18:35 Trail of Tears

(1995) - two very dif-

terent women join forces to look for their children after they have been kidnapped by

live in the nearby

their husbands

20:10 The Road to

Mecca (1991) - an

African town has e

eccentric widow living in a small South

Amean town has e spiritual revetation and builds e sculpture garden designed to look like Mecca in her yard. With Kathy Bates and Yvonne Bryceland 2000 Digital Man.

22-00 Digital Man (1994) – an invincible war machine runs amok. With Adam Baldwin

23:35 An Awtully Big Adventure (1995, rpl)

drama by Mike News about the cruel treat-ment of a 1940s

Liverpool repertory troupe by the capri-

cious stage director. With Hugh Grant 1:25 When Night is

Falling (1995, rpt) 3:00 Against the Wali (1994, 105 mins., rpt)

e prison quard's per-spective of the 1971 Attica prison riots, With

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:05 Make Believe

10:05 David the

Gnome
10:35 Ninja Turles
10:35 Ninja Turles
10:35 Flying Classroom
11:30 Flying Classroom
11:35 The Secret
World of Alex

World of Alex 12:40 Step by Step 13:00 Flying Classroom 13:15 What a Mess

13:35 Celestine

"Gatoriace" reputed to

1960s Tel Aviv with songs from the hit album of the same

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The Nature of Things

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Trio-Yo; Mendelssohn: 16:00 My Concert with Haim Ahuvia 18:00 New CDs -Gabrielli: Canzonas Icr winds and Toccara for

Skiing 13:00 Biathlon 14:30 Eurogoals 16:00 Soccer: FIFA Confederation Cup 17:00 Soccer: FIFA Confederation Cup -Saudi Arabia vs. Australia; Brazil vs.

21:00 Weightlitting 22:00 Boxing 00:00 Soccer: FIFA

EUROSPORT 10:30 Alpine Skiing

21:00 NCAA 22:00 South American 27:00 Brazilian Soccer

9:30 Bobsleigh World World Cup 12:00 Cross Country

7:00 Table Tennis: French Open 9:00 Chinese Soccer 10:30 Sailing: Whitbread Race 11:00 Cricket Week Champions' Tour -Soccer

16:45 Cricket (rpt) 20:30 Cricket Week 21:00 Squash BBC WORLD

6:30 Bodies in Motion 18:30 Women's National League Basketbell 18:00 English League Soccer - Mari. Utd. vs. Aston Villa 19:30 Olympic Series 20:00 International

World Cup Dream STAR SPORTS (beautimed)

Confederation Cup 1:00 Equestrian; Volvo

2:00 Soccer: Gillette's

20:00 VIP
20:30 The Ticket
21:00 Dateline: Are
You Dating Correctly?
22:00 NCAA
Basketball
23:00 Tonight Show
00:00 Best of Late Night
with Coran O'Brien
1:00 I ater 1:00 Later 1:30 NBC Nightly News 2:00 Tonight Show 3:00 Internight STAR PLUS

PRIME TIME

News flash Garlic,Pepper and Olive Oil

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IDF 1

Investigative Reporting -part 1

19:00 National Geographic Television: Mystery of the Maya 20:00 VIP

News

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SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:10 Le Brasier (French, 1990) – the life of a Polish immi-

grant family in e French mining town in the early 1930s. When

the son talls in love

with a local girl, vio-

lence erupts 23:40 The Road Home (Polish, 1987, 96 mins.) — a Polish boy

who returns home from Germany at the end of WWII linds that

nothing is the same as

■ CHANNEL 8

8:00 Open University

8:05 A Taste of the

8:05 A laste of the Caribbean (rpt) 8:35 Travelogue (rpt) 9:00 Cultural Cities of China, part 12 (rpt) 9:55 Scenes from

London 10:50 From the House

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8:00 Hindi programs 7:00 Oprah Winlrey 8:00 E TV 8:30 Fawity Towers 9:00 Nine to Five 9:30 The X-Fik 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful

11:00 Santa Barbara 12:00 WWF Superstars 13:00 Wonder Years 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 Hindi program 17:30 Star N 18:00 Mind Your Language 18:30 Murder, She Wrote 19:30 The Bold and

of the Dead - opera by Janacek based on e novel by Dostoevsky 12:20 A Healthy Body 12:50 The Nature of Things: Diabetes (rpt)
13:40 A New World,
Saving the Planet (rpt)
14:10 Destination 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Start News 21:30 Start News 21:30 Baywatch 22:30 Chartie's Angels 23:30 Vegas 00:30 Oprah Wintrey E CHANNEL 5

Mars, part 1 (rpt) 15:10 Star Dust: Cosmology 16:05 Rediscovery of Cousteau (rpt) 17:00 Open University: Project Management; Greek Fire; Hayek, 19:00 A Healthy Body 19:35 The Nature of Things: The Invaders 20:30 A New World,

Saving the Planet, part 21:00 Destination Mars, part 2 21:55 Star Dust, part 2 22:40 Rediscovery of Cousteau: Indonesia 23:30 Open University: Three Painters; Money

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13:35 Celesme
13:40 Surprise Garden
14:05 Treasure Island
14:35 Billy the Cat
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:25 Flying Classroom
15:40 Bureau of Alien Delectors 18:00 Flying Classroom 16:25 The Secret World of Alex Explains All 7:30 The Flying

Classroom 17:45 Lois and Clark 18:30 The Arena interactive computer games 19:00 Moesha 19:30 Family Matter 19:55 Roseanne 20:20 Married with Children 20:45 Helen and the Boys 21:15 Beverly Hills

10:00 European Sourawk Box 11:00 European Money When

6:30 The Ticket
7:00 VIP: Style Week
7:30 NBC Nightly News
8:00 MSNBC News 8:00 The Today Show 15:30 CNBC US Squawk Box 16:30 Europe A La

Carte 17:00 Wine Cellar 17:30 Dream House

6:30 Cricket Week 11:30 Cricket: Champions' Tour (rpt)

India vs. West Indies 16:00 Spanish League 22:00 Sports India 22:30 Omega Tour 1:30 Indoor Secont Tour

News on the hour 6:30 Science World

7:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 8:00 The World Today 9:30 Top Gear (rpt) 10:30 Science World 11:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 12:30 Classic Adventure (rpt) 13:00 The World Today 14:30 Wild World: Wildlife on One (rpt) 15:00 Newsdesk & Business Report 15:30 The World Today 16:30 Holiday (rpi) 17:30 Hard Talk

17:30 Flart land 18:30 Correspondent 19:30 Film '97 (rpl) 20:00 The World Today 21:30 Hard Talk (rpl) 22:00 Europe Direct 23:30 Interactive 00:00 Newsdesk & Business Report 2:05 USA Direct 2:30 Film '97

INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the 8:30 World Report 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Insight 8:00 CNN This Morning 8:30 Moneyline (rpt) 9:00 CNN This Morning 9:30 World Sport 10:30 Showoiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Sport 13:30 American Edition

13:45 O&A (rpt) 14:30 Compuler Connection 15:15 News & **Business Asia** 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpf)

21:30 World Business Today 22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan 23:00 European News 23:30 Insight 00:03 World Business Today 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World View 2:30 Moneyline

RADIO IZ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Haydn: frio in C Hob.27; Beethoven: Sextel for winds op 71 (Czech Sedet): Piemé: Cydelise et le Chèvre-pied (Paris Opera); Gerwshin: Piano concerto in F (Tritt/Cincinnati/Kunzel) arias from French operas (Sutherland/Covent

Garden); Wagner: Tannhäuser overture and Bacchanal (Dresden/Sinopoli) 12:00 Light Classic Johann, Josef and Fduard Strauss: Polkas, waltzes, galops and mazurkas 13:00 Artist of the Week - conductor Jordi Savall. Songs of the Sibyls (12th and 16th centuries) 14:06 Folk music -

15:00 From the Recording Studio – Adam Trio, Haydn; Trio in G: Avner Dorman; Trio no 1 in D mmor op

organ; Lectair: Trio sonata in D minor cp 4/3; Vivaldi: Nisi Dominus, Concerto In D minor for strings and hasso continuo: Mondonville: Motet: Gabrielli: Canzonas and sonatas 20:05 Great Recitals in Jerusalem - Boris

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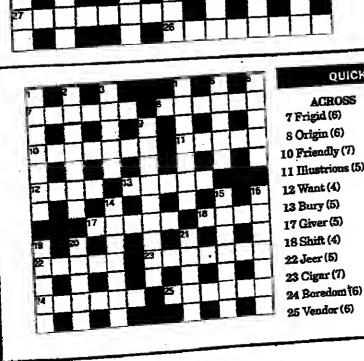
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SEATTLE (AP) - Vin Baker. Gary Payton and Sam Perkins each scored 21 points and the Seattle

SuperSouics used a 17-0 rm to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 107-101 Sunday right in Seattle. Payton had 14 assists for the

Sonics, who trailed 86-77 in the final minute of the third period

before their defense took over. They forced the Clippers into 11

fourth-quarter turnovers and held them scoreless for the first six min-

LaMond Murray led the Chippers

with 21 points, while Brent Barry

and Eric Piatkowski had 18 apiece. Perkins didn't miss a shot in the game. He was 5-for-5 from the

field, including 4-for-4 from 3point range, and 7-for-7 from the

> Hawks 93, Kings 89 Sacramento, California,

Mookie Blaylock scored 24 of his 26 points in the second half and Christian Lactmer hit a tiebreaking

jumper with two seconds left as

After Sacramento's Billy Owens hit a jumper with 16 seconds

remaining to tie it at 89-89.

Laettner put the Hawks shead by sinking a jumper from the corner.

After using their last timeout, the Kings couldn't get the ball

inbounds so they called an illegal

timeout that resulted in a technical

free throw by Atlanta's Steve

Smith. The Kings then fouled

Blaylock, who made a free throw

Sacramento with 20 points.
Grizzlies 110, Rockets 105

In Vancouver, British Columbia,

Bryant Reeves scored a season-

high 23 points and Shareef Abdur-

Rahîm added a career-high 13

assists as Vancouver defeated

The Grizzlies have won two straight home games and seven

this season, one short of their total

Kevin Willis led the Rockets

with 28 points, and Charles

Barkley had 22 points and 21

rebounds. Houston has lost two in

a row following a season-high, nine gains withing sneak, Eakers 119, Mayericks 89

In the Los Angeles suburb of Ingelwood, Kobe Bryant scored 16 of his career-high 30 points in the second quarter, leading the Los Angeles Lakers over the Dallas

Bryant topped his previous high

of 27, set two nights carlier agains

Houston. Rick Fox added 19

points for the Lakers, while Eddie

Jones had 17 and Elden Campbell

Michael Finley and Dennis Scott each scored 18 points for the

Mavericks, who lost their fifth

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Giggs takes United four points clear

LONDON (Reuters) - Ryan Giggs scored his fourth goal of the season as Manchester United beat Aston Villa 1-0 last night to increase their lead at the top of the premier

league to four points.
One goal, a left foot shot through goalkeeper Michael Oakes' legs in the 52nd minute, was a poor return for the champions' domination.

England forward Teddy Sheringham missed a harshly-awarded penalty in the 66th minute, one of several good chances wasted by United who found Villa centre back Ugo Ehiogu and Oakes in great form.

Villa were under almost constant pressure in the first half once United's Peter Schmeichel saved from Ian Taylor after the midfielder was put through by Stan Collymore in the seventh minute.

Three minutes later, winger Giggs should have scored at the far post after Oakes partied Teddy Sheringham's shot, but Ugo Ehiogu cleared Giggs' tap off the line.

Oakes then saved from Ole Gunnar Solskjaer with his feet before an extraordinary onslaught by United in the 35th minute ended with Giggs' left foot volley being flicked on to the post by Cole.

United finally earned their reward when Cole put Giggs through with a delightful flick and the winger

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WINNING RETURN - Windsurfer Amit Inbar came back from retirement and recovered from injury to win the silver medal at the world championships yesterday, (sai Hein)

Inbar takes silver medal at world windsurfing championships

By HEATHER CHAIT

Windsurfer Amit Inhar, whose career seemed to be heading for the rocks last year, won the silver medal at the Mistral World Championships in Perth. Western Australia yesterday.

Behind the remarkable result lies the fact that Inhar competed with a hroken shoulder, injured in a road accident, and has harely trained for the past

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Before yesterday's last three sails, Inbar was lying in first place hut his relatively poor placings of 34, a year's break from the sport during which he spent 11 and five vesterday moved him into second place. The world ehampion for this year is Aaron McIntosb from New Zealand.

Inhar's rival, Gal Friedman, who won Israel's only ticket to the Atlanta Olympics from where he hrought home the hronze medal, was forced to quit during the competition due to hack trouble.

Friedman himself took the silver medal at the world champiouships held in Haifa last year but

time in India, developing an interest in yoga and a correct diet, he returned to compete this year, raking up impressive wins in competitions in Germany and the Netherlands.

As with Atlanta, the rivalry between Inbar and Friedman is expected to reach peak levels as the

countdown to Sydney 2000 begins.

Michal Hein, Israel's representative in the women's category, finished in 26th place.

consecutive game and 11th in a

England beat Pakistan, reach Sharjah final

SHARJAH (Reuters) - Adam Hollioake's England one-day specialists, the outsiders when the Champions' Trophy began, clinched their place in the final yesterday.

England went through after winning a tense match against Pakistan by eight runs, scoring 215 for nine in their 50 overs and dismissing their opponents for 207 in 49 overs.

Hollioake's side will know who they face in Friday's final after today's game between India and West Indies.

A West Indies win would put them in the final with two victories. If India win, calculators will be required to decide on net run rate between them, the West Indians and

England finished their encounter against Pakistan as groggy as a boxer who has been knocked down several times in a tough fight.

Every time I thought the game was won, every time we relaxed, they came back at us. You just could not let them out of your grip for an over," said captain Hollioake, England were restricted to a mod-

est total even though openers Alistair Brown and Alec Stewart put on 71 and Graeme Hick followed up with

From 111 for two at the halfway stage they found it difficult to cope with spinners Manzoor Aktar and Saglain Mushtaq, who collected eight wickets on a pitch that gave

Then, England new ball bowler

over, Dean Headley bowled Aamir Sohail for one to reduce Pakistan to

et but when they were out in successive overs Pakistan were in trouble.

Manzoor held the rest of the innings together until he was run out in the 46th over for 44 which, allied to his for for 50, earned him the

Surgery reveals Atar aggravated an old injury

Betar Jerusalem's recent new signing, Reuven Atar, underwent arthroscopic surgery in Haifa yesterday following renewed pain in his knee.lt was discovered that an old ligament injury had been aggravated and at least three more weeks are required before the his condition can be reassessed.

Atar, who moved to Jerusalem from Hapoel Haifa last month in a blaze of publicity and high expectations from the club's supporters, was, in fact, injured when Betar bought him. But the club failed to carry out a medical before the deal went through and the international

player took the field injured in his first, and so far only match for Betar.

In other news concerning the Jerusalem club, FIFA, world soccer's international governing body, has asked Betar to accept three installments from Spanish club Salamanca amounting to \$1.15 million for Ronnen Harazi. FIFA were called in to arbitrate over Harazi's transfer fee after the two sides failed to agree terms.

Another communication from FIFA yesterday confirmed Lilach Assoulin as Israel's first-ever international woman referee. She is eligible to officiate in women's

UAE's first-minute goal sinks South Africa

RIYADH (Reuters) - A goal a second but captain Adnan Al after just 45 seconds by defender Hassan Suhail Mubarak was enough give the United Arab Emirates a surprise 1-0 win over South Africa in the Confederations' Cup vesterday.

Mubarak stole bebind the African champions' defence to stab home a tantalising free kick from Mohammed Ali.

Another free kick from Ali two minutes later almost set up

Talyani missed a golden opportunity by shooting wide.

Despite almost total domination after that, South Africa could not find an equalizer, coming close on several occasions including hitting the bar.

The result gives the Emirates, who lost their first game 2-0 to Uruguay, a chance to end up as a surprise semi-finalist in the eight-nation tournament.

ight-nation tournament. Uruguay per South Africa will now be Republic 2-1.

against absentees Lucas Radebe and midfielder Eric Tinkler. The two were excused duty for the opening 2-2 draw with the Czech Republic to enable them to play for their English premier league clubs but missed their flights from London and arrived in Riyadh

too late to play. In another match yesterday, Uruguay beat the Czech



'No sport without the queen of sports'

Some of Israel's most important athletes, including triple-jumper Rogel Nahum and hammer thrower Igor Geller yesterday turned out to demonstrate against the severe tack of funding for track and field. 'An Olympic medal costs money' and Prepare the investigation (into the failure) of Sydney 2000' were two slogans which the athletes held aloft outside the Knesset. The athletes are effectively paralyzed by the financial drought. Only NIS300,000 was allocated to track and field in the 1997 budget as compared to NIS800,000 in the 1995 budget. Deputy education minister Moshe Peled, who met the protesters had nothing to offer. 'Times are hard, cuts are being made everywhere and sport with also have to share the hurden,' be said.

them considerable assistance on the fifth day of the tournament. Dougie Brown grabbed a wicket with his first delivery, removing Shahid Afridi for nought.

With the first ball of the second

five for two. Saced Anwar, who hit a century on Sunday against India, and Ijaz Ahmed put on 94 for the third wick-

man-of-the-match award in only his

second one-day international.